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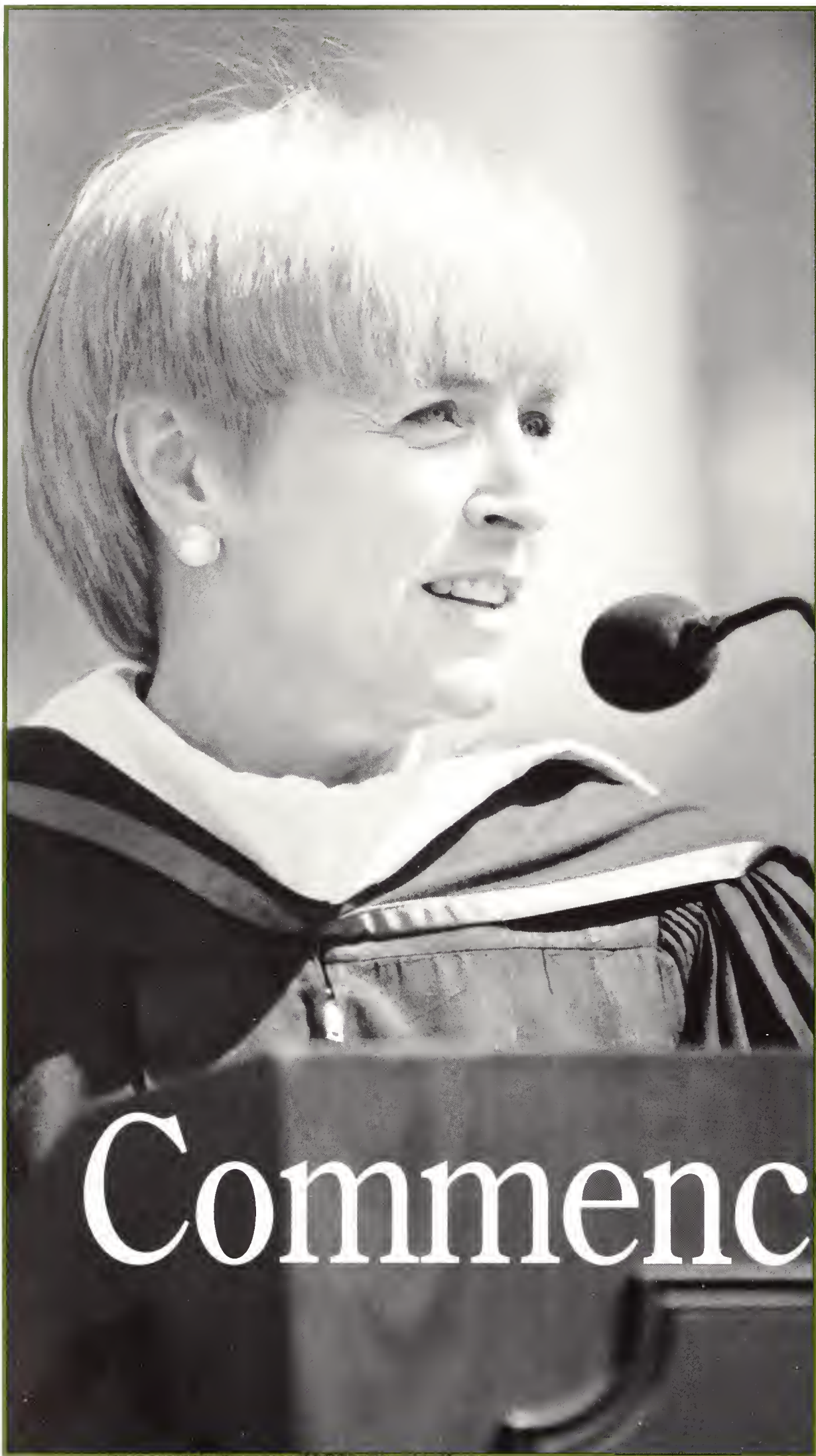
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Belmont by Gari Melchers





Judy Mansfield Muller '69, a correspondent in Los Angeles for network ABC-TV News, was MWC's Commencement speaker on May 6. In her address, Muller told the 843 graduates that she often draws upon information she learned in college. "Which just goes to show you that...it's really, really important to pay attention to what's happening right now, right this minute, even if you don't see the point at the time."

Muller talked about race relations, the Vietnam War and domestic terrorists. "If it sounds like a depressing world you're about to enter, you're partly right," she said. "The good news is that you now possess something that can make a difference — an education."

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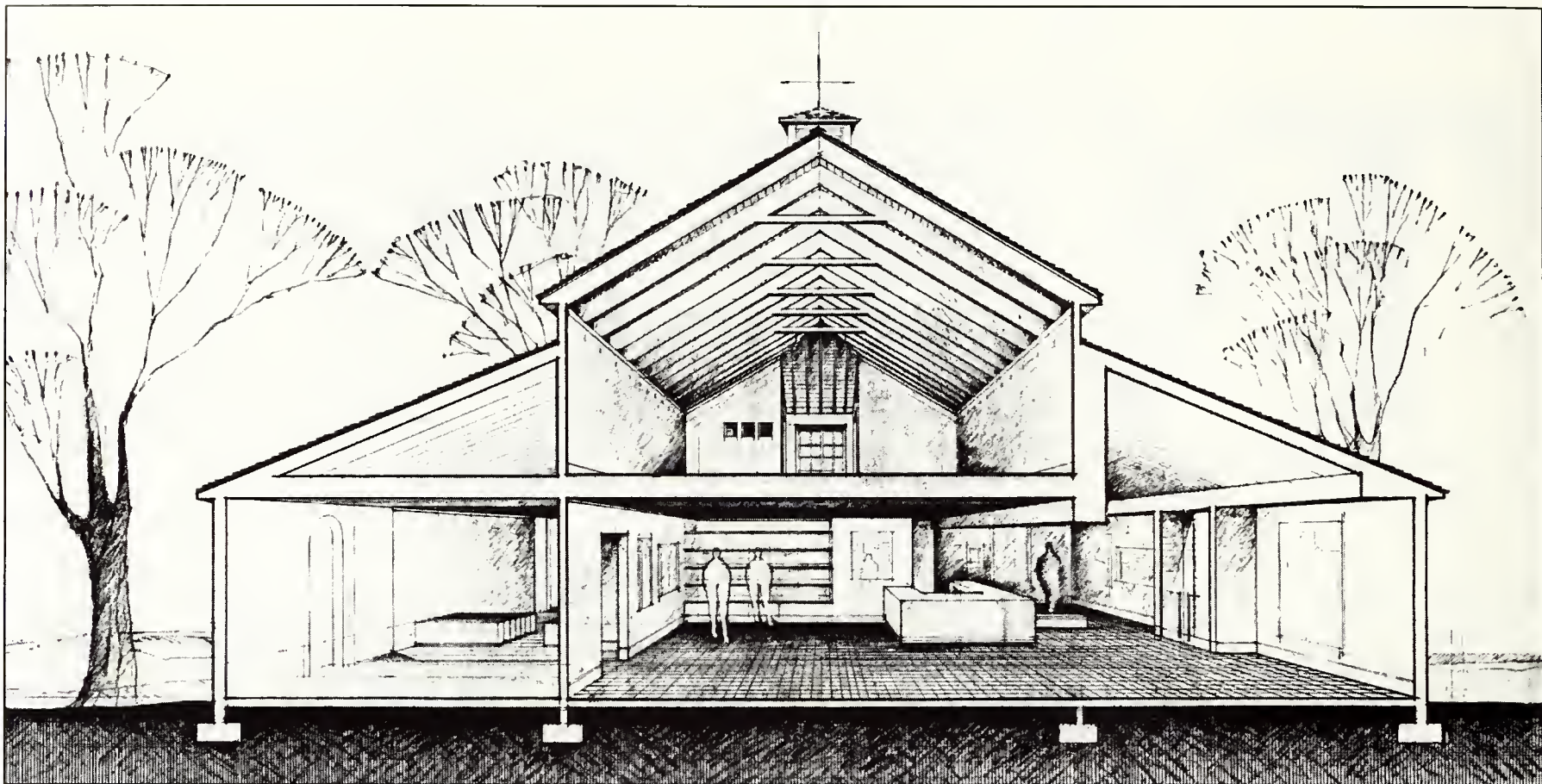
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Artist's rendering of interior.

VISITOR CENTER OPENS AT ELMONT

BY LIZ GORDON

What do you do with a carriage house if you have no carriage? Belmont, the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery in Falmouth, Va., transformed its carriage house, built in 1918, into a Visitor Center. The once dark, musty, barn-like interior now sparkles with an amazing amount of sunlight reflecting the soft, pastel colors covering its new contemporary walls.

Mary Washington College has managed Belmont since 1960 when the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts gave up its interest in this 18th-century home and 20th-century studio belonging to celebrated artist Gari Melchers and his wife,

Corinne. Melchers lived at Belmont from 1916 until his death in 1932. Mrs. Melchers bequeathed Belmont and its art collections to the Commonwealth upon her death in 1955.

Melchers' 1924 studio, built not only as a work space, but also a private gallery, houses 1,669 of his paintings. The lush lawn and gardens on Belmont's imposing hilltop above the Rappahannock River provide a dramatic setting for museum-hosted events and private weddings.

The estate's new addition, The Marguerite Stroh Visitor Center, which opened in June 1995, was named for Gari Melchers' niece, daughter of his sister, Heddie, and Julius Stroh, president of the Stroh's Brewery in Detroit, Mich. Marguerite was a long-time friend and companion to Corinne Melchers and contributed generously to preserve Belmont and her uncle's artistic legacy.

The Stroh family has generously supported Belmont since it opened to the public in 1975. The Strohs also made the largest gift towards the conversion of the carriage house into the Visitor Center through individual contributions



Belmont Director David Berreth and Architect Gary Arnold go over blueprints for any last-minute changes.

and matching funds from the Stroh Foundation.

Entering the ground-level room that once held farm tractors and the Melchers' Hudson touring car, Belmont guests find a well-lighted reception and display area where many posters of Melchers' more famous paintings, books about the house



Completed exterior resembles original carriage house facade.



Guests previewed construction plans during groundbreaking in September 1994.



Guests attending the groundbreaking mingled between the Visitor Center and the main house.

and the era, and gift articles are on sale. Architect Gary Arnold, of APZ Architects in Newport News, suggested keeping original elements such as rough interior walls and a weathered outside door to remind tourists that this is not a new structure.

But not everything in the historic building was converted or covered up. "We left as much as we could," says David Berreth, director of Belmont. "Most of the outside is restored, not changed." Only the *inside* is a modern facility.

A walk up the narrow wooden stairs to the former hayloft continues to evoke the feeling of years gone by. The upper room's honey-colored plank flooring reflects the light gleaming through the windows which surround the cheerful room. The addition of a separate kitchen



Kicking up a good time raising funds for the new Visitor Center.

area and restroom make this second floor a perfect meeting place for groups of 15 or 20. Berreth says it will be available to qualifying organizations for a modest fee.

A video in the Visitor Center's theater introduces Belmont and the Melchers. But it won't be easy to concentrate on the video because the beautifully arched theater windows, created from existing doorways, look out on scenic woods and several quaint dependencies.

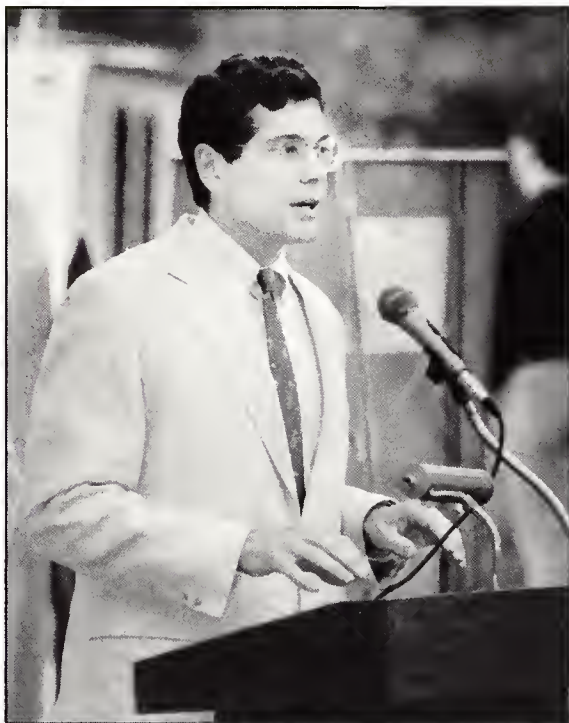
The Visitor Center, also serving as a Stafford County Information Center, promotes the county's rich history through front-desk information and related souvenir merchandise. This unique covenant between the two centers is an example of the creative partnerships being forged between local governments and cultural attractions to increase tourism revenues.

To bring all this about, as well as to ensure the museum's future, Mary Washington College initiated a \$1,000,000 Belmont Campaign in 1993 with approximately \$350,000 being earmarked for Visitor Center construction. The remaining \$650,000, yet to be raised, will go into Belmont's Endowment Fund (established by Mrs. Melchers' will), which continues to provide an important source of annual operating funds through investment-generated income.

Less than half of Belmont's annual operating budget comes from the state. And because state funding has steadily decreased over the past five years, the Belmont staff has found it necessary to develop additional creative ideas that will bring in funds to adequately maintain this National Historic Landmark for its 12,000 yearly guests. New concepts in-



"Julius Stroh," c. 1908, by Gari Melchers (from Stroh Company collection in Detroit, Mich.).



John W. Stroh III represented the Stroh family at the groundbreaking ceremony.

direct and honest style, rooted in the realism of the 19th century, depicts common rites of passage such as birth, baptism, courtship and marriage. Throughout his career, Melchers was considered one of America's leading portrait painters. He later became associated with impressionist-inspired landscapes and interiors.

Melchers served on the Virginia Art Commission, which instituted the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and chaired the Smithsonian Commission to establish a National Gallery of Art. Murals by Melchers adorn the walls of the Library of Congress, the Missouri State Capitol and many other splendid buildings.

Come see Belmont and its new Visitor Center, which makes a delightfully artistic impression of its own.

Liz Gordon writes for Mary Washington College's Office of Publications.

clude renting the grounds for weddings, opening the studio building for group receptions, and starting a Friends of Belmont membership program.

The carriage house modification is the third in a series of major undertakings designed to preserve the buildings and grounds of Belmont. This plan should go a long way toward increasing visitation and revenues for Belmont's upkeep and programs.

The first endeavor was a complete renovation of the 1790's main house, finished in 1990, a project which was funded by the state with matching private contributions. The second was the restoration of the formal gardens and grounds on the 27-acre estate, which was completed by the Garden Club of Virginia in 1993. Plans call for the repair of the Melchers studio building and its three galleries to better protect and display Belmont's permanent collection.

A treasure to artists, art scholars and preservationists, Belmont continues to be an extension of the College and a link with museums and historic sites. Last spring two Mary Washington College art history majors, Angela Bell and Lydia Hellrich, served as curatorial interns at Belmont. The students customized a computer software program to house the Melchers Catalogue Raisonne (an annotated photographic record of every known work by the artist). This long-term project, compiled by Belmont's curator, Joanna DeGilio Catron '79, is an important study resource for scholars of Melchers and artists of his era. Publication of this material will complete the project.

It is speculated that Melchers produced 2,500 paintings, from thumbnail sketches to major exhibition pieces. His



Gari Melchers relaxed on the porch at Belmont (1925).



“Most B.L.S. students are finishing the Bachelor of Arts degree they began 20 years ago and never had a chance to finish.”

BY LIZ GORDON

The formula for success at MWC's Center for Graduate and Continuing Education could have come from the movie "Field of Dreams": Create it, and they will come.

And like a well-tended field, all the Center's programs are healthy and growing. "No one program seems to be more popular than another," says Meta R. Braymer, dean of the Center. "All are thriving."

Whether the Center's adult students enroll for further training to compete in today's highly specialized work force or for personal satisfaction, Dean Braymer and Stanley Groppe, associate dean of the Center, make sure the students catch enough light to grow straight and tall.

The first seed the Center cast in 1977, the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program, continues to bring blossoms each spring. More than 1,000 students have graduated with B.L.S. degrees in the past 17 years, and every year this figure grows higher. Enrollment in the program this year is close to 500.

"Most B.L.S. students are finishing the Bachelor of Arts degree they began 20 years ago and never had a chance to finish," explains Dean Braymer. "This is not an easier degree, only a different one," she says.

Carol Swindell heard about the B.L.S. program while at Mary Washington Hospital. After enrolling, she design-

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*Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education
Meta R. Braymer.*

ed her course schedule to include classes in the morning when her boys, ages 7 and 11, were at school, or in the evening when her husband was home to care for them. Carol tested not only the academic side of MWC but the availability of extra-curricular activities open to non-traditional students.

"I wanted it all," she says, "so I participated in the American Studies Society, the Pre-law Society, and became a student defender for the Honor Council. Didn't miss a thing."

Immediately after graduation in May 1993, Carol drove, degree in hand, to the University of Richmond Law School. "They said they were familiar with Mary Washington College and its B.L.S. program," she says. "They had no problem accepting my degree."

Dean Braymer says faculty members enjoy having B.L.S. students in their classes. "Everyone seems to realize the benefit of having more experienced adults in the classroom, who can talk from experience rather than theory. It's a good mix," she says. "A complement all the way around."

A few years ago, the College's management committee decided it could not handle more than 500 B.L.S. students, as it might take seats away from traditional students. "Since that time we have not done any recruiting," says Dean Braymer. "None!" But news of the program continues to leak out, and each day more prospective students call to ask if the Center has a specific curriculum that will meet their needs. She says the answer has been, "Yes, but we will have to put you on the waiting list."

Dean Groppe, who won the Region III Professional Continuing Educator Award from The National University Continuing Education Association last year, controls that waiting list. "He's

done such a good job keeping the numbers together that we may be able to start recruiting next year," says Dean Braymer, who won the national award in 1990. "If we can start recruiting. . .," she says, holding her hands in the air. "Well, there's no way to tell what kind of explosion that will be."

The Center not only shoots out runners which end up growing into nicely rooted programs for undergraduates, graduates and the Fredericksburg community, but it also watches for any sharp-edged rocks that might discourage adults who work, must care for children, or who have a limited amount of time. Classes in the evening, on the weekend, and during the summer help students who are juggling families and careers. The Center's offices remain open until 9:30 p.m. four nights a week, with advisers available. When the Center hears of other needs, Dean Braymer forages the state for courses of study that might be brought in from other institutions.

"We talked VCU into bringing their master's program here rather than creating a new one," she says. "It's a sharing of resources rather than one college trying to meet all the needs by itself. There is no need to duplicate programs that are easy enough to get here. It's a good use of state funds."

In March 1995 the Center and the College's education department began a teacher exchange program. Public school administrators, in a project called Ambassadors in Education, flew from the United States to Kingston University in England

to study the British school system. This fall, public school teachers will be able to take a graduate course focusing on a comparison of issues and curriculum. In the spring of 1996, teachers from England will visit MWC to study America's school system, and in July 1996, our teachers will travel to Great Britain.

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree took root at MWC in 1980. M.A.L.S. student Steve Soltis '92, an executive speech writer for MCI in Atlanta, Ga., hoped to upgrade his B.A. in journalism. "The program just clicked with me," he says. "My advertising/journalism background was weak. I needed more than the basics to help me get ahead. I needed another degree." Steve got his degree at MWC and had fun doing it, even though he had to drive from Alexandria to attend the Center's evening classes. "Going back to school opened my channels of creativity, let me see writing from various viewpoints, and encouraged me to try more creative writing."

Another bud sprouting from the Center is the Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center. Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Economic Development and the U.S. Small Business Administration, the RRSBDC provides free counseling, seminars, feasibility studies and business planning to anyone wanting to start a business or to anyone who owns a business with fewer than 100 employees. Larger established businesses in the Fredericksburg area ask the Center to provide specialized,



M.A.L.S. graduates 1995.



Elderhostel participants enjoy a banquet in Seacobeck.

on-location credit courses and on-campus training programs for their employees. Additional non-credit classes in real estate, accounting, health, law and architecture lie dormant just below ground.

The Elderhostel curriculum for retirement-aged people struggled with low enrollment until the Center included classes on the historic Fredericksburg area. Elderhostel classes combined a study of the Civil War with classes in historic preservation, and enrollment was on its way up. The next year the Center separated the two, and enrollment fairly blossomed.

This summer the Center offers eight weeks of Elderhostel, two weeks on the Civil War, two on early American medicine, two on George Washington's family, and two on Colonial architecture, which will take the participants to historic homes such as Mount Vernon and Monticello. "Dean Groppel has taken Elderhostel to a new level," says Dean Braymer.

Fascinated with Elderhostel's week-long classes, 30 enthusiastic local participants decided they wanted to expand their educational horizons on a daily basis. ElderStudy, a course of study which grew from Professor Mary Pinschmidt's Senior Scholars program, does just that for a visible group of retirement-aged adults eager to study art, history, literature, and the rest of the world.

By the end of 1993, more than 100 dues-paying members had elected their own board of directors and lined up experts on various topics in the community for year-round classes. This spring ElderStudy lists 40 programs in its brochure, but that only takes its 120 members through April 11. Want to know more about the Trojan War? Artificial intelligence? Classical Greek costume

in the 16th-20th centuries? Name a subject. Chances are it's listed or being considered.

One of ElderStudy's day-long programs involves a trip to the opera in Richmond. "It's wonderful to study 'La Boheme' before seeing it," says Marjorie Glassco. But like the rest of the Center's programs, ElderStudy's main concern is, "What do we do about the program's rapid growth?"

This is neither a new nor a local dilemma. Education explosions like this are happening nationwide. Part-time students are the fastest growing population in higher education, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Nearly one half of all students enrolled at all levels of higher education are part time.

After 20 years at the Naval Surface Weapon's Center at Dahlgren, Va., Betty P. Durrer investigated the delightful

rumor that Mary Washington College had a degree plan for people who left college to get married, go to work, or start a family.

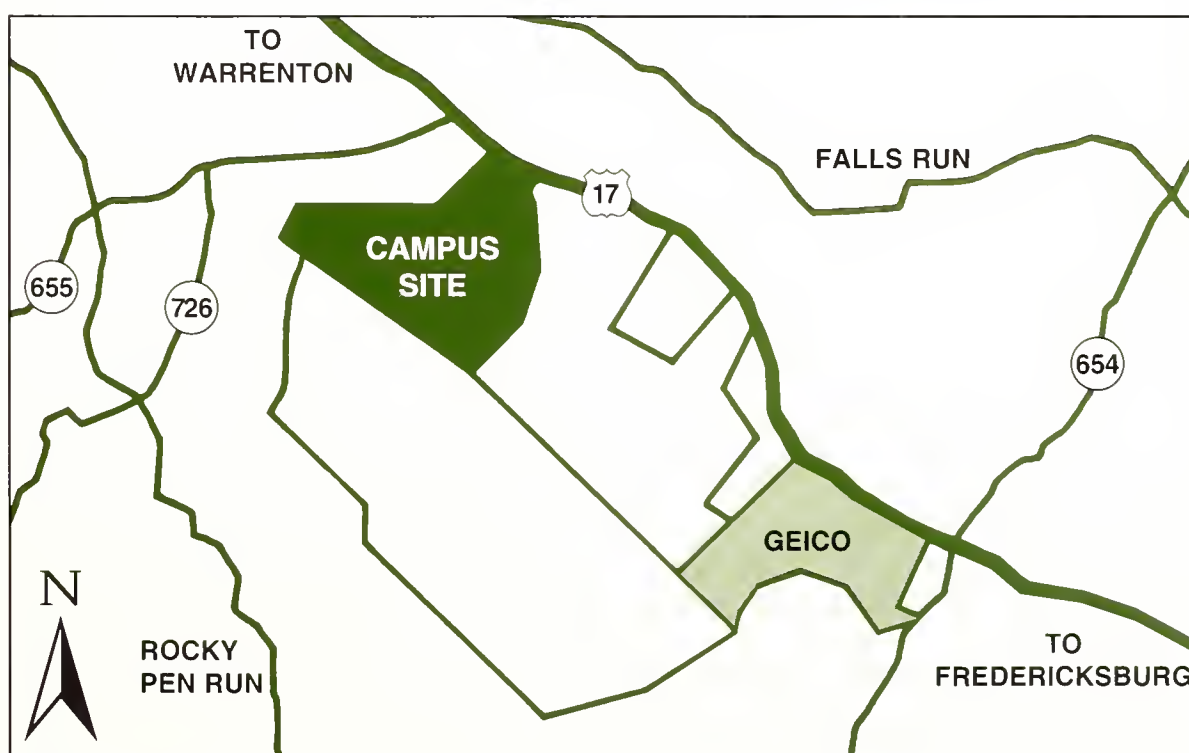
Betty graduated with a B.L.S. degree in 1980, won the MWC Alumni Association Outstanding Senior award, and used her degree to enter graduate school at the University of Virginia. She is now a senior lecturer in MWC's mathematics department.

"The B.L.S. program was certainly valuable to me," she says. "If I had gone in as a traditional student, I would have had to give up my job or caring for my family." Unlike many traditional students, older adults know exactly what they want from their course of study. "That comes with maturity," Betty says, "knowing what you must have to compete."

Frequently, after a long, hot summer, one or two plants need to be pruned, plucked or sprayed, but not at the Center for Continuing Education. All these hot-house programs seem to be necessary.

"When the economy declines you naturally see higher enrollments. People discover they need more training, additional credentials to enter or continue in the work force," says Dean Braymer. "It means a second chance for a lot of people who messed up, or could not meet the 1200 SAT score. They don't have to start all over again."

The only rock in this lovely garden seems to be a lack of space for housing a larger student population and additional programs in computer technology, human services and business. But there are plans for Center facilities at the new Stafford campus. "Can't stop," says Dean Braymer. "We have a quality institution that has a wonderful record for meeting needs and growing with the community."



Site of future Stafford Campus.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR IN RESIDENCE

BY MICHAEL L. BASS

In 1970 the Mary Washington College Alumni Association established the Distinguished Visitor in Residence Program (DVIR) for Mary Washington students, to stimulate curiosity, enrich classroom learning and promote the development of interdisciplinary interests.

MWC's 24th DVIR, Kathryn Fuller, attorney, marine biologist, environmentalist and president of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the largest private conservation organization in the world, achieved all that and more.

Her presentations to classes in biology, economics, environmental science, geology, geography and history were well received. The lectures were punctuated with scientific background information along with an explanation of the socio-economic and cultural impact of each environmental issue. Students were impressed by the diversity of problems that are being addressed by the WWF and with Fuller's detailed knowledge of them.

Kathryn Fuller, 1994-95 Distinguished Visitor in Residence, used World Wildlife Fund slides to illustrate her public lecture, titled "The State of the Planet," in Dodd Auditorium.



Fuller outlined various strategies employed by the WWF to conserve nature. The first creates and preserves protected areas, which saves many plant and animal species. But Fuller explained that in many parts of the world, successful conservation is complicated because productive natural environments often exist next to communities that are economically depressed. This situation requires employment of a second strategy — linking conservation with human needs. No successful long-term conservation occurs unless both issues are addressed. A third strategy acts to increase government involvement with strong conservation groups.

"Conservation must have a human face," she kept repeating. The Wildlands and Human Needs Program increases the standard of living in an area by involving local people with the conservation effort. The WWF tries to balance the social and economic needs with sound ecological procedures. In some areas the WWF has helped set up trust funds to support conservation practices. These funds are controlled by a board of local residents, government officials and conservation experts.

In 1994 the WWF established the Russell E. Train Education-for-Nature program to educate conservation leaders of developing countries on how to increase the survival rate of threatened and endangered species. Much of this conservation work is local and regional, but it can also be international in scope when an issue such as trade



DVIR committee member Jennifer Bushman '95 accompanies Kathryn Fuller to an open session with students.

is involved. For instance, the WWF monitors national and international trade of wild animals and plants. Fuller's explanation of the unfortunate trade in elephant ivory and bear body parts showed that a global response is needed for this kind of conservation effort.

The debt-for-nature-swap has been implemented by the WWF in some developing countries. This program allows these countries to exchange or lower their international debt by underwriting major environmental conservation projects in their own country. Fuller criticized former practices involving World Bank investments in these countries, saying that too much money was made available too fast without proper planning and focus. She stated, however, that World Bank policies and procedures have improved since the bank instituted an environmental review process for project funding.

WWF marine conservation programs have helped rebuild depleted fish populations in waters around the globe. Fuller said that 50 percent of the world's human population lives near a coast, and more than 200 million people depend daily on marine fishing. She expressed grave concern over some of the fishing methods used and the resulting destruction of the marine environment. George's Bank, east of Cape Cod, where the predator populations have increased dramatically and the base fish populations have declined significantly, is an example.

Fuller also pointed out that multi-source pollutants have accumulated in sediments and have damaged habitats. Productivity along the Continental Shelf and coral reefs has decreased, and there has been bioaccumulation of toxins in marine populations.

The WWF helps establish marine protected areas and tries to incorporate a multiple-use management program that includes recreational activities and sport fishing as well as commercial fishing. There have also been efforts in some areas to establish locally managed ecotourism areas.

Even though Fuller is a lawyer and has worked on litigation to solve environmental problems, she said she is personally more satisfied when working directly with the communities. Her philosophy of encouraging cooperation over confrontation in pursuing solutions to environmental problems is evident. This cooperative attitude, however, does not mask her resolve to reach WWF's goal: to preserve the abundance and diversity of wildlife on earth.

Kathryn Fuller is an excellent role

model for MWC students, since she is a liberal arts and sciences-educated scholar. She has coupled her academic knowledge with "hands-on" experience and uses both to help solve contemporary environmental problems.

Michael L. Bass is professor of biology and environmental science and chair of the Department of Environmental Science and Geology at Mary Washington.



Kathryn S. Fuller became president and chief executive officer of the World Wildlife Fund in February 1989, having previously served as executive vice president, general counsel and director of WWF's public policy and wildlife trade monitoring programs.

Fuller received her bachelor's degree from Brown University and her juris doctor from the University of Texas. She pursued graduate studies in marine, estuarine, and environmental science at the University of Maryland. Her field work includes wildebeest behavioral studies in the Ngorongoro Crater in Africa and coral reef studies in the Caribbean. She is fluent in Spanish and French.

Fuller serves on numerous boards and advisory groups, many of them national and international in scope and has received numerous awards and honors, including the U.N. Environment Programme's Global 500 award. In Fuller's five years as president and chief executive officer of World Wildlife Fund, the organization has doubled its revenue and membership.



Ms. Fuller addresses geography students in Assistant Professor Joseph Nicholas' Human Environment class.



A crowd of almost 1,000 people saw the host Eagles defeat the University of Scranton, 8-3.

BY VINCE BENIGNI

Over the past six years, Mary Washington baseball fans have thoroughly enjoyed their passion, watching quality baseball, free of charge, with 20 or more home games each season. MWC was one of just 10 teams which made four straight NCAA Division III Tournament appearances; further, the Eagles also won three

consecutive Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Tournament titles from 1992-94. A number of pleasant memories, indeed.

But in 1995, MWC baseball has become even more of an experience, thanks to the construction of an impressive 900-seat stadium around the already-existing field. Groundbreaking for the facility began in early fall 1994, with stadium construction completed in mid-February '95.

The Newest Diamond in Battleground's "Crown Jewel"

New baseball
stadium dedicated
March 19; BOV and
President Anderson
open 900-seat
stadium before
packed house.



Announcers John Craig (left) and Mike Neville (right) of Prestige Cablevision flank former MWC baseball standouts Rob Menefee '92 (with headset) and Dan Beverly '92. Prestige televised the game in its entirety.



Sophomore Jeff Hootselle pitched seven-plus innings of masterful relief to earn the victory over the Scranton Royals.



"Hi, I'm the MWC Eagle. Will you buy me a hot dog in a few innings?"

The stadium is situated at the corner of Hanover and William Streets. The concrete and aluminum structure stretches from the first to third-base dugouts, its exterior freely splashed in an autumn-red color with accents of blue and gray.

Fans now enjoy the comforts of concession facilities and on-site restrooms. Spectators can purchase ballpark hot dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy and soda. Ramps to the stadium have been built behind both dugouts to serve visitors with physical disabilities, and there is

seating for those fans inside the stadium. These new amenities, coupled with the existing public address capability and a modern, professional-sized scoreboard, make for a spectator's dream.

The first games at the stadium were played on Feb. 25, as MWC swept Washington & Lee University in a double-header. The Eagles played seven more home games until the stadium was officially christened on March 19, prior to MWC's contest against the University of Scranton. President William M. Anderson

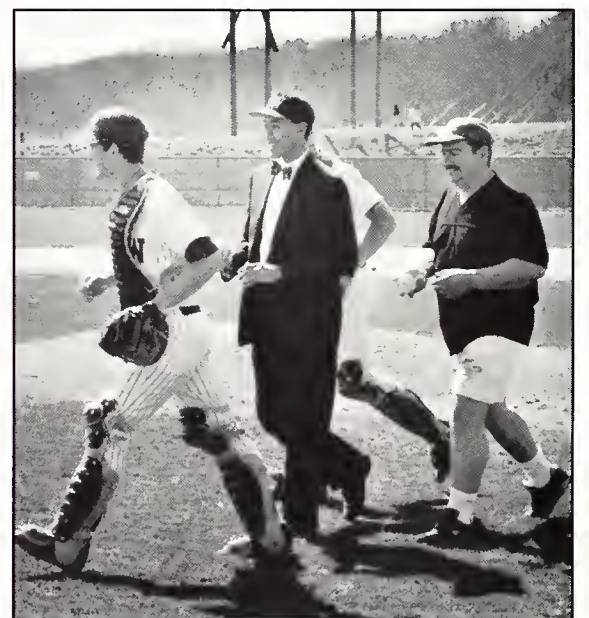
Jr. joined several members of MWC's Board of Visitors in pre-game ceremonies, which included cutting a large red ribbon and throwing out the first ball.

A capacity crowd of about 1,000 people enjoyed outstanding baseball (MWC defeated Scranton 8-3) and lively entertainment. Uncle Bob's Party Band (including MWC music professor David Long) belted out upbeat tunes throughout the game. Hundreds of dollars worth of free merchandise, donated by area merchants, was given away between half-innings. Free commemorative programs were also handed out to each fan.

While the new stadium is already a hit with fans, it really will prove to be an asset in the long run. MWC head coach Tom Sheridan (CAC Coach of the Year from 1991-94) believes that the facility will enhance recruiting opportunities. More importantly, according to Sheridan, the stadium serves as a symbol for excellence, on and off the playing field.

"The stadium is the result of efforts of many individuals who have played a vital role in our program's development," said Sheridan. "I'm referring especially to former and current players who have achieved, and maintained, a level of success only experienced by the nation's most respected programs. Their parents, families and friends have also unfailingly enhanced our efforts. And certainly, the vision of President Anderson, Athletic Director Ed Hegmann and the MWC administration has supported our athletic teams in a way that few other coaches are fortunate ever to realize."

Vince Benigni is sports information director at MWC.



BOV members Abas Adenan '85 (left) and Vincent DiBenedetto '83 leave the field with MWC catchers after throwing out the ceremonial first pitches.

GALLERIES' 1994-95 SEASON

BY FORREST MCGILL

Jewel-like watercolors of Gloucester, Mass., and complex abstractions painted in Greenwich Village and Southern France highlighted a retrospective of the works of the New York artist Alfred Levitt at the MWC Galleries last fall. Levitt studied with some of the best-known art teachers in New York in the 1930s, and knew a number of the major abstract expressionists of the '40s and '50s. The exhibition included 20 of his watercolors borrowed from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as 22 paintings lent by the artist with the generous promise that they will eventually be donated to the College. Levitt, now 100 years old, attended the opening festivities for the exhibition, and returned to Fredericksburg in April to present the first Alfred Levitt scholarship in painting.

In January the newly remodeled duPont Gallery reopened with an exhibition of ceramics, mosaics, paintings, photographs and sculpture by the studio art faculty. The featured artists were professors Joe DiBella, Steve Griffin, Paul Muick and Lorene Nickel.

The heroes and heroines and the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece descended to the Galleries in February. Fifty European engravings, etchings, and watercolors of the 15th through 20th centuries, borrowed from the Museum of Art and Archaeology at the University of Missouri, showed the ancient myths in all their nobility, cruelty, or sensuousness. The artists included Hendrick Golzius, Honoré Daumier, Henri Matisse and Marc Chagall. The themes of the exhibition were expanded upon in an extensive series of gallery talks and lectures by College faculty and well-known visiting scholars.

The final exhibitions of the season, running through June 10, bring to light unseen works by two artists who were exact contemporaries (both having been born in 1905), but one lived and worked in New York, and the other in Los Angeles. Margaret Sutton '26, the powerful but little known New York avant-



Alfred Levitt prepares to cut his 100th birthday cake with President Anderson's encouragement.

garde artist whose entire life's production is now owned by the College, is represented by dreamlike or nightmarish

drawings and watercolors of the 1940s. A group of these works dated to 1944 appear to reflect the fear and sadness

Americans felt during that most terrible year of World War II.

The 50-year artistic career of Phyllis Ridderhof Martin is scanned in a display of recently donated paintings and drawings. Though she worked in California, she is known on our campus for making possible the building of our new art gallery. Of particular interest are three major oils of the late 1950s and 1960s that have been hidden from view until very recently. One was discovered stapled underneath another painting; two more were found rolled up in a corner of her studio. These were too stiffened from age even to unroll and examine. Only after intensive specialized treatment by art conservators in Richmond have they been flattened, delicately repaired, and revealed as important, moving visions of a significant California modernist.

Also this spring, the Galleries — for the first time — sent an exhibition traveling. A large selection of Margaret Sutton paintings has been lent to Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y., as part of a celebration of the accomplishments of 20th-century women artists.

The galleries will reopen in the fall with a splendid exhibition of West African dance and ritual masks organized by the Bayly Art Museum at U.Va.

Forrest McGill is director of the Mary Washington College Galleries.



Visually Impaired Get New Library

BY KELLY A. REGAN '97

A gigantic step forward for our state's visually impaired was celebrated on April 29 with the grand opening of the Virginia State Library for the Visually and the Physically Handicapped. The fight for this new facility has not been an easy one, and if it were not for the efforts of MWC's Professor of History Roger Bourdon and several Mary Washington alumni, it might never have materialized.

The Patrons Advisory Council is the group responsible for raising funds and lobbying for the much-needed new library. The chairman of the committee is Roger Bourdon, and of the 15 members,

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Ernest C. Ackermann, professor of computer science and director of academic computing, is the author of two books published recently by Que Corporation: *Introduction to UNIX* and *Using UNIX*.

Mehdi Aminrazavi, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, introduced a paper at the State University of New York at Binghamton titled "Epistemic Phenomenology of Self-knowledge in Suhrawardi."

Margaret A. Klayton, assistant professor of business administration, presented a paper on telecommuting and internal auditing at the Southeast regional meeting of the Institute of Management Science. She co-authored the paper with Douglas Ziegenfuss, an accounting professor at Old Dominion University.

Patricia L. Metzger, associate professor of business administration, received an award for her manuscript, "Gender Influence on the Ethical Philosophies of Accountants." The paper was selected as the national winning entry by the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants in the call for gender issues in accounting manuscripts.

John H. Reynolds, professor of computer science, presented "Hardware Design Using the Computer Design Language" to the 10th annual Eastern Small College Computing Conference held at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y. The paper was published in the *Journal of Computing in Small Colleges*.

Gregg Stull, assistant professor of dramatic arts, has been appointed for a second term to the major institution-

al support panel of the Ohio Arts Council. He will evaluate major arts organizations in Ohio and recommend funding decisions to the council and the governor.

Four members of the MWC admissions staff participated in the 50th National Conference of the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC), a professional association of college admission officers and high school guidance counselors, who serve students in the transition from secondary school to higher education. Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for admissions and financial aid, was moderator and presenter in a conference session titled "The Public Liberal Arts College: An Emerging Niche in Higher Education." He also served as assistant chief teller for the NACAC delegate assembly. Jenifer Blair, associate dean for admissions, and Alison Gauch, assistant dean of admissions and financial aid, presented a session on "The Virginia Way: Planning and Coordinating a State-wide College Day/Night Schedule for Fall Travel." Ms. Blair also served as an assembly delegate, representing the Potomac and Chesapeake Chapter of NACAC. Mary Villeponteaux, assistant dean of admissions, serves as chair of the professional development committee of the Potomac and Chesapeake Chapter and is a member of the executive committee of PCACAC.

Craig R. Vasey, associate professor of philosophy, introduced a paper titled "Nietzschean Nihilism and American Democracy" at a conference held at Goucher College in Baltimore, Md., in honor of Friedrich Nietzsche's 150th birthday.

two, Dawnelle Cruz and Brian Parsons, are Mary Washington alumni.

Their efforts began in 1985, when it became apparent that the warehouse space being rented for the library was in utter disrepair and unquestionably ill-suited for public use.

"We worked extremely hard to get this. You wouldn't believe what we had to do, dealing with politicians and contractors, to get rid of that old, rotten, rented warehouse," said Bourdon.

It was located in a high-crime industrial belt on the fringe of downtown Richmond. The majority of blind persons — who must rely on public transportation — were forced to negotiate two blocks of heavy traffic, street litter and broken pavement, a walk that was especially dangerous for persons in wheelchairs or

using canes.

Furthermore, the building itself was adjacent to a refuse transfer station which created frequent rodent and insect problems. Inside, there were electrical conduits hanging down from the ceiling, as well as obvious cracks in the walls and leaks in the roof which resulted in ridiculously high heating and cooling costs. Twice in a six-year span the pipes froze and burst, causing flooding and the damage or loss of thousands of dollars in equipment and materials.

"And there was also a murdered man found in the dumpster a couple of years ago," said Bourdon.

Finally, a grant of \$4 million opened up in the state budget — from the lottery — for construction of a completely new building in downtown Richmond appro-



MWC graduates Dawnelle Cruz '75 (left) and Brian Parsons '85 (far right) assisted Professor Roger Bourdon (center) at ribbon-cutting event.

priately located next to the Rehabilitation Center for the Blind.

"This building's focus is on making the library accessible, usable and comfortable," says Brian Parsons. The new library has a large browsing room with uncluttered space to read, sit, or use the equipment designed specifically for the blind to independently search for information. This includes an on-line catalog, closed-circuit televisions, and computers that can magnify print up to six or eight inches, or scan books and "read" them out loud.

In its new location, the library still operates extensively as a mass pivot point, distributing materials to smaller libraries. Parsons, who recently moved back to Fredericksburg, depends on the Richmond site to send him books or cassettes that the local library does not carry.

More importantly, the new library can cater to patrons who walk in off the street in search of information. "Access to information is a real devil for the visually impaired," says Bourdon. "We have always had to rely on someone else to find what we want, and they, of course, don't know as well as we do what exactly that is. With the on-line catalog, we can now browse for ourselves." According to Bourdon, independence for the blind is the primary factor that makes this

library special.

Because the new building has been so long in the making, everyone involved is very excited about its opening. "It's about time. We have been struggling to get this library ever since I can remember. It's really important to the blind of the state, and I think it's kind of nice that three Mary Washington College representatives were there to be a part of that," said Dawnelle Cruz.

Bourdon was the master of ceremonies. Kay Cole James, Virginia's secretary of human resources; John Vaughn, commissioner of the Department for the Visually Handicapped; Frank Kurt Cylke, director of national library services of The Library of Congress; and Robert Ball, delegate of the Richmond district, all spoke at the opening. Tours of the facility followed the ribbon-cutting.

Bourdon joked, "Can you imagine 15 blind people trying to cut the blue ribbon? The politicians wanted to cut the ribbon by themselves, but we wouldn't let 'em."

Kelly A. Regan is a rising junior from Alexandria, Va.



EVENTS ON CAMPUS

November

Dr. Annabel Patterson, professor of English at Yale University, gave a lecture on "Foul, His Wife, the Mayor, and Foul's Mare: The Power of Anecdote in Tudor Historiography." A specialist in



Poet Mary Oliver



One of the Rod Rodgers' dancers

Renaissance English literature, Dr. Patterson appeared as part of the Grellet and Dorothy Simpson Series in Medieval Literature...Poet Mary Oliver, who won the 1984 Pulitzer Prize, read from her book, *New and Selected Poems*, which won the 1992 National Book Award for Poetry. She has written six other books of poetry, and published *A Poetry Handbook*...The MWC Dance Company presented a fall concert which included eight works choreographed by Jean Hunt, assistant professor of dance, and Eugene Roscoe, senior lecturer in dance... The Fredericksburg Singers, a choir comprised of MWC students and Fredericksburg-area residents, presented a concert which featured a number of selections from Parts I, II and III of Handel's "Messiah."

December

"Christmas With All the Trimmings" was the theme for the 14th annual Christmas decorations workshop offered by the Center for Historic Preservation. The morning program, given by Jan Williams, floral designer and consultant, featured a three-hour workshop. The afternoon's schedule included a tour of Fredericksburg homes being decorated for the city's traditional Candlelight Tour, and the evening ended with a reception in the Great Hall...The MWC College-Community Symphony Orchestra presented its annual "Pops" concert, a Fredericksburg tradition to usher in the Christmas season...The Center for Graduate and Continuing Education held an open house, providing information on



The CORE Ensemble



Journalist Dumisani Kumalo

earning a master's degree in business administration from Virginia Tech through MWC...The Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center sponsored an accounting seminar, "Bookkeeping/Accounting for the Small Business," and a tax seminar, "Income Tax Help for Small Business Owners."

January

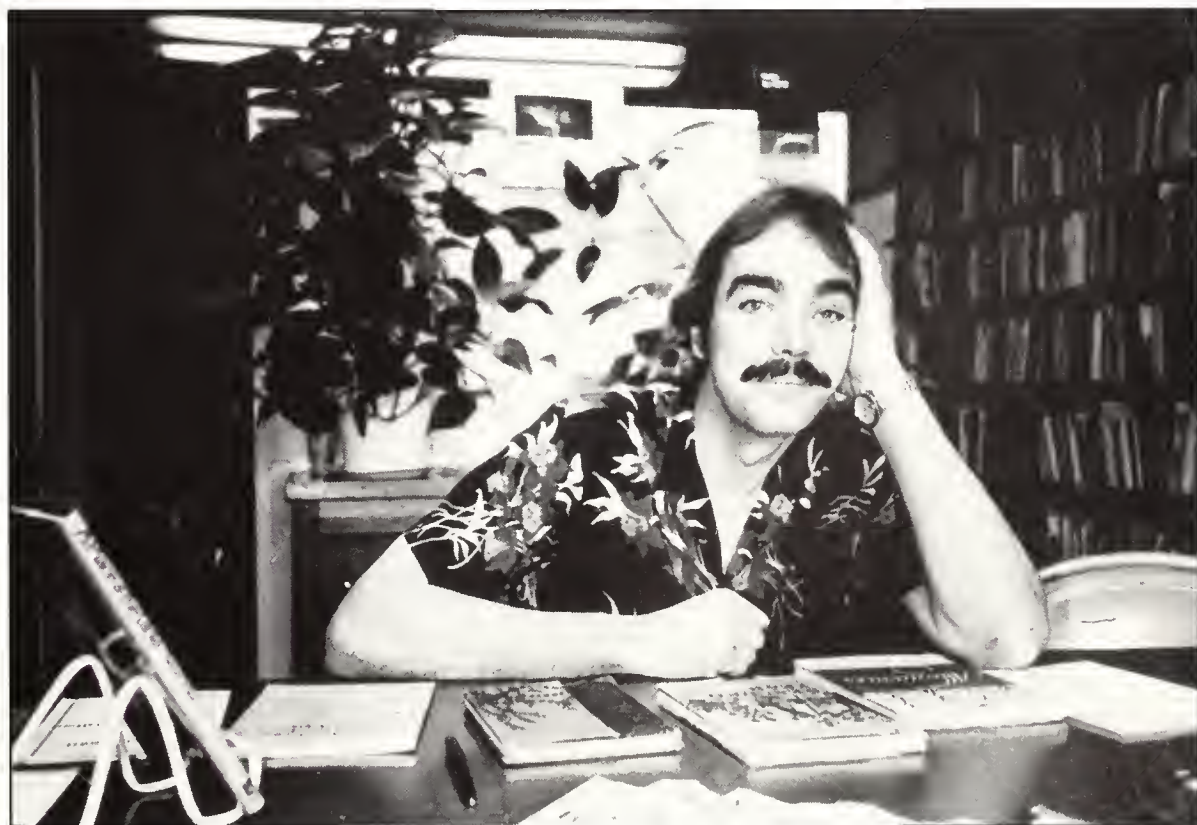
The first exhibit in the newly renovated duPont Gallery featured the works of four MWC faculty members: Joseph C. DiBella, painter; Stephen L. Griffin, photographer and printmaker; Paul C. Muick, sculptor; and Lorene C. Nickel, ceramic artist. The Gallery underwent renovation last year as part of a \$4.5 million refurbishing of the fine arts complex, which includes duPont Hall, Melchers Hall and Pollard Hall...Elaine R. Jones, the first woman to head the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, was the keynote speaker at MWC's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration...The Rod Rodgers Dance Company, a multi-ethnic group from New York City, highlighted the "Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr." Other performers in the tribute included "Harambee 360," the Macedonia Mass Choir of Spotsylvania and the Partnership for Excellence. The event was co-sponsored by MWC and the Fredericksburg Area Community Relations Organization...The CORE Ensemble, a trio of strings, percussion and keyboard, serving as MWC visiting artists in music, presented

a recital: Andrew Mark on cello, Michael Parola on percussion and Hugh Hinton on piano. A chamber music concert, which featured music for percussion and several ethnic instruments, showcased the CORE Ensemble, as well as musicians from MWC faculty, alumni and students...Pianist Leon Bates presented a recital, which included works by Brahms and Beethoven. In addition to his Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall appearances, he has performed with major symphonies such as the New York Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra and many others...The Business Administration Department offered a free two-day training session for tax preparers who volunteer their services to help low-income and elderly residents with their tax returns.

February

Retired Virginia Supreme Court Justice John Charles Thomas, and *Washington Post* reporter and author Nathan McCall spoke as part of the College's annual Black History Month. Other events included: "Gospel Extravaganza"; "Passage," a play about the Civil Rights Movement; a Step Show competition; a lecture titled "From Selma to Soweta — From Malcolm to Mandela" by exiled South African journalist Dumisani Kumalo; a jazz/blues concert by Katherine Davis and Sidney James Wingfield; and other presentations and shows...A color lithograph by Marc Chagall and six etchings by Henri Matisse were among more than 50 works of art displayed by the MWC Galleries. Titled "The Stories of Gods and Goddesses: Mythological

Themes in Western Art," the exhibit included etchings, lithographs and woodcuts on loan from the University of Missouri's Museum of Art and Archaeology. A series of lectures by experts in the classics and art were held to coincide with the exhibition, including a talk by Dr. Mark Morford of the University of Virginia, "Representation of Classical Mythology in Classical Art"...Sharon Wyrwick, a performance artist known for her works that combine dance, theater and visuals into a form of storytelling, presented a solo concert...A seminar, "Steps to Starting a Business," was presented by the Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center...A film/lecture series that examines film theory and provides a forum for discussion was offered by the English, Linguistics, and Speech Department. The series is designed to provide participants with various approaches to analyzing contemporary films...The 1994-95 Distinguished Visitor in Residence, Kathryn Fuller, an environmentalist and president of the World Wildlife Fund, delivered a lecture, "The State of the Planet" (see article in this issue)...The MWC Poetry and Fiction Readers Series offered two programs. Raman K. Singh, MWC professor of English, and Connie Smith, MWC senior lecturer of English, read from their poetry and fiction in Lee Hall Underground, and poet Larry Levis read from his work in Lee Hall Ballroom. Levis is the author of five poetry collections, among them *Wrecking Crew* and *Afterlife*. He has won several poetry awards including Pushcart Prizes, has received a Guggenheim Fellowship, and studied as a Fulbright scholar.



Poet Larry Levis

Alumni News

"I Remember..."



Mr. and Mrs. B.Y. Tyner



I am one of the oldies. I attended Mary Washington College when it was called State Teachers College, and Mr. A.B. Chandler Jr. was the president. I looked forward to attending afternoon tea at the home of Dean and Mrs. B.Y. Tyner. I took a class with Mr. Chandler and a class with Dean Tyner. My room was in Virginia Hall, directly across campus from Willard Mess Hall and directly above the office of Mrs. Charles Lake Bushnell, dean of women. Many girls thought Mrs. Bushnell was too strict and did not like her. I admired her because she made young ladies out of unsophisticated girls. Whenever my roommates, Freeda Levy and Henrietta Dreifus, and I made too much noise, Mrs. Bushnell knocked on the ceiling three times with the top of a broom handle. This meant "Girls, quiet down."

A real treat was walking down "The Hill" past Betty Lewis Dorm in the hope of getting a ride into town with a local young man. He was probably on the blacklist, and you hoped no one would report you. We went to the drugstore for a milkshake or a chocolate soda for \$.25. We were free to go anyplace on Sunday as long as we were back by 7 p.m., I believe.

I enjoyed many Sunday noon dinners at the Cowies, local residents. They were most kind to the Mary Washington girls. Every other week, Freeda's mother and my mother alternated sending a box of fried chicken, cake or fruit on Saturday and Sunday. Freeda and I were the most loved girls on the floor! They all wanted us to share our goodies.

After receiving my teacher's certificate, I returned to Emporia and taught first grade. The teachers who had taught me from first grade through high school were helpful in many ways. At a teachers' meeting, I purposely arrived late, and sat cowered in my seat in the back row. I did not want to speak — was it fear or respect? I am in awe of teachers even today.

I married Freeda's brother, Nathan Joseph Levy, a Virginia Tech graduate. Nathan held many positions in the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company. He passed away in 1959.

By Sara "Sassi" Omansky Levy '25

(Editor's Note: We'd be pleased to receive other short remembrances of the College in years past.)

Alumna Translates Book

Inge Busemann Kistler '51 has revised and translated from German the book *Enchanted Remembrances 1838-1925: The Life of a Sunday's Child*, written by her great-grandaunt, Susanne Schmaltz. The book is an autobiographical account of Schmaltz's experiences while working as a governess and teacher primarily in England, and, from 1869 to 1887, in Russia.

Her memoirs include descriptions of taking piano lessons from Brahms and Clara Schumann, singing under the direction of Franz Liszt, and making friends with Queen Elisabeth of Rumania and writer Carmen Sylva.

Mrs. Kistler has fond memories of afternoons having cookies and hot chocolate with "Tant Susanne" — and was inspired to translate her book, which has been out of print since its publication in Germany in 1926. Kistler moved to the United States at age 19. After graduating from Mary Washington College, she earned a master's degree in English and comparative literature at Columbia University. She and her husband live in Evanston, Ill.

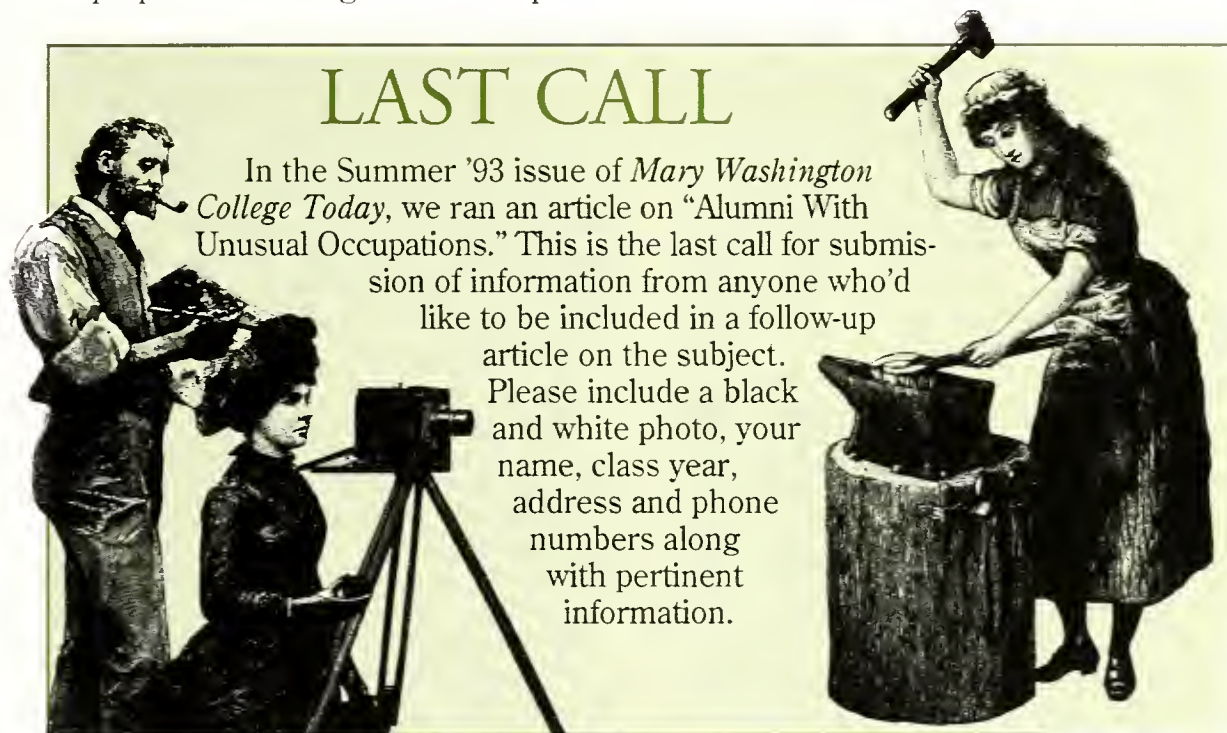
Memorial Scholarship

A memorial scholarship in memory of Dr. Susan J. Hanna, who passed away in April 1994, has been established to encourage students in the study and appreciation of literature. In the 26 years she was with Mary Washington College, Dr. Hanna gave life to a role model that will be perpetrated through the accomplish-

ments of the recipients of this scholarship. Susan Hanna influenced not only Mary Washington College and the Department of English, Linguistics, and Speech, but also her students, in the unique way she touched them with energy and insight. Alumni interested in making scholarship donations should send them to the Mary Washington College Foundation and specify they be used for the Susan Hanna Memorial Scholarship Fund.

LAST CALL

In the Summer '93 issue of *Mary Washington College Today*, we ran an article on "Alumni With Unusual Occupations." This is the last call for submission of information from anyone who'd like to be included in a follow-up article on the subject. Please include a black and white photo, your name, class year, address and phone numbers along with pertinent information.



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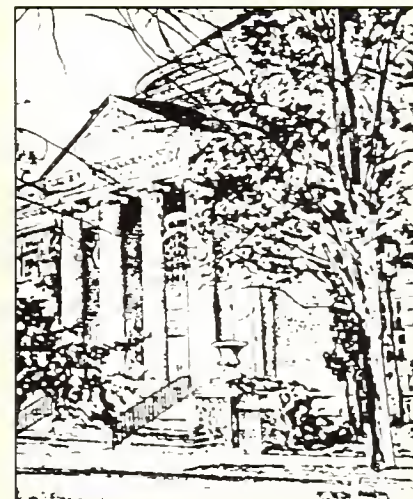
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Class Notes



DEVIL NOTES

1919

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1929

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1931

Kathryn Gallagher Spirito
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Tempus fugit! When you get older, it flies faster! As of January 1995 there are about 30 of us left from the Class of '31. It would be great hearing from any of you — let us know how you are, where you are, and if you have contact with any other class members.

Christmas 1994 brought very little news to your class agent. Nevertheless, I was cheered to receive a beautiful card from **Anne Ratcliffe Webb**, who lives in Alexandria. Since last year's chickadees card was such a delight to me, Anne decided to pamper me with a colorful card of cardinals perched on a branch of a dogwood tree. I have wondered, and mentioned in previous notes, how very young Anne always looks at the reunions. I do believe her secret is being busy! Anne is diligently active in about eight organizations and is a good role model for the rest of our class. My friends, keep busy and look younger!

Margaret Reinhardt McKenry, who lives near her son in Virginia Beach, gave me a special message when I visited her. She asked about **Clara Boyd Wheeler**. She said she could still remember Clara rushing across the campus, busy as a bee. Clara, I hope you will send me some news!

If any of you have news about any of the following classmates, please send it to me: **Virginia Harding Chilton, Ruth Marsh Dillingham, Mary Elam Dunn, Hannah Hall Brann, Fannie Stafford** and **Woodard Parker Lucas**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the very lovely **Rosella Tuck Davidson** '40 for the thoughtful note she wrote to me last July.

As usual, I feel it imperative as your class agent to remind you that we who are left in the Class of '31 have been quite generous in our overall class gifts to the MWC annual fund. Let us keep the fund in our 1995 gifts.

Love and best wishes to each of you.

1933

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Alma Murchison
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From Isebel:

I was the only member of the Class of '33 at the '94 reunion. We had a beautiful day, and a delicious lunch was served under the trees in front of Virginia Hall. Join me there in '95!

This is the first year that **Joan Brickhouse Beall** sent a bought card. (I've looked forward to the homemade ones.) She says "It ought to tell you something." I got the message. Just "hang in there" — we're all in our 80s! Let MWC or me know if you have a change of address.

Martha Moore Edwards went through hip and knee replacements in '94 and still made it to Florida for the holidays. It was good to have news from Martha's twin, **Mary**. I visited **Alice Irby Gordy** in a retirement home in Farmville. **Lois Cornwell Draper** stopped by to see us in October, and we had a delightful time talking about old friends.

In spite of a knee replacement, **Alice Mae Brown Walden** keeps on the go. She lives in a retirement home in Greenville, S.C. **Ethel Turner Horner** spent a month in N.C. with her sister and then went to Connecticut. She had lunch with **Clara Boyd Wheeler** '31.

Mary Tarpley and her sister planned to be in Hawaii after the holidays. Mary stays busy with her church work and the Arlington Symphony. I had lovely cards from **Josephine Matz Wells** '32, **Dorothy Tucker Marks** and **Alma "Murk" Murchison**. They stay busy with family and volunteer work.

Ava Smith spends much of her time visiting with her sister in a nursing home. **Olie Mae Hope** didn't make it to our reunion in '94, but she plans to be there in '95. I had a chat with **Olie Mae** and **Anne Bryant Arritt** recently. Both have health problems but are living in their own homes.

My card to **Minnie Lester Padbury** was returned with "Deceased" written on it. This is always a sad experience. I received a note from **Molly Goldsmith, Mina Poffenbarger Hartman's** daughter, telling of the death of her mother on November 26. They were both good friends.

Love to all, and keep in touch.

1935

Grace E. Herr
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With aching knees all summer and into fall, I didn't think to get a "plea letter" off, so I've heard from few classmates. I had surgery in October to replace both hips, and I am still getting around on a walker. Thank goodness I have been free of pain since surgery. I have received notice that I have an apartment at

Our Lady of Peace in Charlottesville. I am counting on the help of my sisters and brother to do the moving, and I will sort and organize when my things are in one place.

I have copies of Christmas letters from 1993 and 1994 from **Helen Shurtleff Tyra**. Her husband is one of four who cook breakfast monthly for 35-40 men at the senior center. In four years it has become so popular it now pays for itself by "passing the hat," and the women have started one of their own. He also cooks for several youth groups. Helen and her husband usually take trips in the fall. They've visited Spruce Point Inn at Boothbay Harbor, Bethel Inn in Bethel, Mooselookme-guntic Lake, The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel in Dixville, N.H., and Oxbow, Maine.

Helen's daughter became a full professor at the University of Massachusetts-Laurel, where she also teaches undergraduate students and is an adviser in the master's program. Her son is director of Boston Insurance Company's business line department, and is in charge of national and large properties underwriting.

Maryjane Crafton Eggborn stays busy with Talking Books at Sunnyside. **Marie Krafft Kelleher** said she and Mike both had surgery this past year but are back to work and swimming.

1937

Elizabeth Haley Glass
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Temple Lee Beazley Smith writes that she was married in June 1941 and has been living in Fredericksburg ever since, except for the war years. She fondly remembers our college days when we seemed like one big happy family. She would love to hear from some of you "girls." Her address is 1410 Buckner St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401.

Dorothy Ball Eason celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary last October at the Lexington Golf and Country Club. There were 97 friends and family members attending. She writes that it was a wonderful evening. During the Christmas holidays, her grandson, Thomas Eason, was married at a gala affair in Vienna, Va. Dottie and Toni looked so happy in the newspaper picture she sent to me.

Selma Piland Johnston had a very interesting 16-day trip to France with a former United Nations specialist as a study leader. **Olivia Kearns Clarke** spent last Thanksgiving in Kentucky with her sister, then went to Houston for Christmas. This is good news as Olivia has been trying to recover from the death of her husband and the sale of her home in Port Richey, Fla.

Katherine Burgess Robertson's daughter, Margie, wants us to know that her

mother now has Alzheimer's disease, and that is the reason we have not heard from her. We are so sorry about this. Margie's address is Mrs. R.L. Burton, P.O. Box 452, 15715 Old Mill Road, Dinwiddie, VA 23841.

Alice Dew Hallberg writes that it is so much fun living in the Northern Neck, as she is constantly running into girls who attended MWC. I enjoyed a nice chat with Alice while lunching in Irvington with my buddies from the Class of '36, **Audrey Davis Smith**, my roomie, and suitemates **Ruby Lee Norris** and **Elizabeth Hart Robertson**. We four have met every summer since our year together in Mary Ball. It was an added treat running into Alice, who never changes!

Lucy Pierson Welsh is helping our Class of '37 again. Each fall the MWC Foundation recognizes the recipients of the scholarships and a representative from the class or person who gave the scholarship. In 1993 Lucy was asked to represent the Nina G. Bushnell Scholarship given by the Class of '37. Lucy's letter reads, "A year ago I met our recipients and was happy to hear how much our scholarship meant to them and their families." Each year Lucy has continued this and has found the program and the opportunity to meet such wonderful young people very rewarding. Our class is very fortunate to have Lucy represent us.

A nice message came from **Abbie Bourke Reid**. She has four married grandchildren and four more to go — has given up golf, but still plays bridge. **Zella Cornwell Tiller** writes that she is enjoying her retirement and has been traveling quite a bit. She visited Natural Chimneys and watched the jousting, made several trips to Southwest Virginia and went on a fishing trip to the Northern Neck.

Emily Clay Rowe Brandberg is now a great-grandmother. Emily continues her interest in gardening and seems very healthy.

The Class of '37 extends its best wishes to our former class agent, **Frances Mayse Agreen**, who was married on June 18, 1994, in Purcellville, Va., to Bernard G. Fold. A letter from Frances reads in part: "I'm doing well and, of course, am especially happy over the big event of marriage in June. Belonging is a good feeling! It might be interesting to tell you we met in 1939, were engaged, parted during WWII, and at times went years without any contact. We got re-acquainted a few years ago — and here we are — 55 years later! My deepest thanks to all of you who sent notes and cards. We are enjoying my grandsons, who are 8 and 10 and so busy. My granddaughter is 3 and a real charmer, who loves horses! My nieces, nearby, are so much pleasure. My health improved drastically after I canceled all medicines (except beta-pace for heart). I had been heavily over-medicated. Some doctors gave me medicines that were in conflict — take heed all of you as to your medications. The Lord has been good, and I'm so thankful. I still do social work two days a week — very stimulating and, of course, we both water-exercise. It helps arthritis and builds energy — try it!"

Lucy Head Trimm's son has a home on the Rappahannock River, where she visits in the summer. Call me at Wicomico Church, Va., Lucy, when you come. We can arrange a mini-class reunion.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Clark Robertson is busy with her many activities and interests in Hampton, Va., where she still lives. **Mary Chapman Mitchell**'s letter is full of her travels with husband Herbie, who also went to China with friends, two of whom were missionaries in Japan. They arranged for him to give lectures at the University of Shanghai and the University of Beijing. Mary is trying to learn how to play mah-jongg because Herbie gave her a set.

Forest and I have sold our home of 26 years — a very traumatic event. We plan to move to a smaller home more suitable to our energy and advanced-age lifestyle. At present we are enjoying the Florida sunshine and our rocking chairs! Use the Florida address, and your notes will be forwarded to me.

Margaret "Peggy" Smith Doley had her sister, **Ann C. Smith** '41, in Williamsburg for a visit over Thanksgiving. Peggy visited by phone with **Frances "Frankie" Nash Young**, who had no additional news to report from our town girls.

1939

Nancy Herr Fallen
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How sweet it is to hear from so many of you! My sincere thanks. Your letters kindled the same warm feelings of friendship as did the activities of our 50th reunion. In spite of time, space and jobs that separated us for years, our actions were as if we were still in college. I hope I can present the responses in a way that gives you the same feeling, too.

My letter about scant attendance at our 55th reunion brought some explanations for absences. **Bernice "Whip" Whipple Camp** was moving to a smaller home. With no grass to cut, she and Walter have more time for fun activities or for just being together. I wonder if Whip still has that cute dog.

Conflicting schedules kept five Devils from coming to Homecoming (now called Reunion). Instead, they met earlier at **Louise Harris Massie**'s home in Louisa. In attendance were **Elizabeth Alexander Howdershell**, **Myrtis Hall O'Sullivan**, **Mary Helsabeck Townsend** and **Doris Stagg Pruden**.

Ruby Mallory Gibson attended our 55th reunion but couldn't find a familiar face. We were scarce, for sure, but sorry we missed her. She lives in Bumpass, Va., retired from the Hanover schools in 1978, and enjoys her grandchildren and gardening. She loves to travel; cruises are a favorite.

A somewhat different kind of reunion captured **Elizabeth "Bid" Bodwell Bourne**. She, **Virginia "Jenny" Ramsey McCartney** '40 and **Elizabeth "Wiz" Hall Lundy** '40 held their reunion in the mountains of North Carolina. Bid lives in Wakefield, Va., and has two daughters. Wendy lives next door, and Sharon works for Johns Hopkins Advanced School of International Studies. Sharon's work will take her to China in the spring.

Madora Forbush Brown has moved to a senior home apartment with meals. She lives in Lakewood, Colo., near her son, Whitman. She enjoys her granddaughters, great-granddaughters and playing bridge.

Jane Sinclair Diehl, a widow since 1992, has moved to a condo in Yorktown. Her daugh-

ters are in California, but two of her granddaughters are in western Virginia. Recently, she and **Mary Williamson Bowles Hartley** met for lunch in Williamsburg.

Marion Timberlake Yobs was taking care of family illnesses. Everyone hopes that tough situation will improve soon.

Virginia Cooley Stoner is enjoying the world anew, because she recently had cataract surgery. She was expecting her whole family for Christmas. Her husband, Aaron, could not believe I called her "Cooley." I can hardly believe he's still working.

Since **Elizabeth Clopton Brown**'s husband, Raymond, retired, they have more time for travel. This year they have been to London and Turkey and have taken a trip out West. At home in Gloucester, Va., gardening, bridge and visiting family members are Elizabeth's favorite activities.

Bridge is a favorite activity for **Helen Downer Hale**, too. We talk by phone and exchange letters occasionally.

1941

Melissent Graeff Smith
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A very informative letter from **Margaret Gilman Price** tells of a wonderful Thanksgiving with 22 family members. She presided as mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Her granddaughter, Ann, writes to her "Grammo," for she says that it is "o" as in "ostrich" and "oxen." Margie writes, "Now how can you argue with that?"

Lucy Dickinson Spencer and husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall. **Marguerite Jennings Helbush** continues to travel a great deal. In Georgia, she and her teammate won the "knockout" event in duplicate bridge.

Josephine Ewing Balzer and husband continue their love of golf and are spending their winters in Florida across the street from a golf course. During a trip to the Eastern Shore, **Rhea James Dodge** met **Helen Burton Vincent**. She also enjoyed a luncheon with **Hester Wolffe Spivey**.

Eleanor Batschelet Smith's life is full with so much activity and so many grandchildren. She and **June Stoll Artunkal** drove from Arlington to visit me for two hours. What a treat! She and husband Ben flew to Yakima, Wash., to attend Eastern Star Grand Chapter. They flew to Florida for Christmas with their daughter, Barbara.

My life in Friend's Village is quiet but interesting. I had a total knee replacement in the fall, and will have the other knee done in the future. Such is life! Let me hear from you!

1943

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Frances Wills Stevens
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From Hilda:

Bertha Dickinson Taylor, Mamie Stahle Allen and Natalie Moore Spears played bridge recently and talked about a lot of people — nicely, of course.

I had a letter at Christmas from **Peg Moran Logan**, and **Beatrice Draper Atkinson**, who lives in Severna Park, Md. **Daphne Crump Rudilosso** called last week — she's still singing and dancing. She has a beautiful place on the Wicomico River. Once when Dana and I were there, we saw dolphins meandering up the river, or was it down? Dana and I went to Punta Gorda, Fla., in January for a week's stay with my brother and sister-in-law. I do volunteer work on Thursday afternoons in the aviary at the Living Museum in Newport News. It's fun talking to the birds.

C'mon gals, write me some news that's fit to print! Whose quote is that?

1945

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1947

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1949

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Most of our combined news derives from your holiday cards, notes and a few phone calls. Three very special Christmas cards received from the Lyons, the Bardens and the Nygoods are certainly reflective of each lifestyle.

Andi Dulany Lyons and husband Keith's card was a photo of the entire family at Inverness on Christmas Day '93 in a winter wonderland of new-fallen snow. All the smiling faces were aglow, reflecting both the occasion and the crisp weather. Her annual wrap-up included news of each of her four sons and their respective families, as well as the achievements, growth and interests of each grandchild, all individually gifted and unique.

Barbara Watson Barden's card was of a painting by her talented husband, Bob, depicting his view of a lovely summer day on Pleasant Lake, their vacation retreat in New Hampshire. With their sailboat at anchor, Bob is shown sunning on an off-shore raft, while on the end of their dock, Barbara basks in the idyllic setting reading a book. As we all know, there is no ship like a good book to carry us away.

From Delaware, **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** and husband Howard's greeting was another original production of a well-written, beautifully scanned poem, together with adorable drawings of their 11 dogs. Unhappily, her news was not as joyful since Howard had open-heart surgery early in December. At the time of mailing, he was expected home before the holidays to begin his

regimen of R&R. We hope to hear that his progress is continual and completely successful.

Andi gets to see **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** often, as B.B. and Lee live in Lexington, where Andi's oldest son, Clay, opened his state-of-the-art dental office last year. Among his many new patients is Betty Bond. During her first office visit, when filling out the form requesting the name of the referring person, B.B. wrote, "Your mother"! She later reminded Clay that he could be considered an alumnus of MWC himself, since Andi was carrying him during our senior year...and across the stage to get her degree! That surely qualifies Clay to be an honorary Fabulous '94er!

Since B.B. had not reported on the annual mini-reunion of last year, we had to call her for that news. B.B. recapped the latest meeting of the Four Friends Forever: B.B. and Lee, **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rixon** and Fred, **Jane Yeatman Spangler** and Bob, and last year's hosts in Vermont, **Dotty Booker Pinkham** and Dave. In our last episode, Dotty and Dave arrived belatedly at the Spangler home in Charlotte, N.C., because Dotty fractured her elbow during a stop en route. Not to be outdone, Chot arrived in '94 with her leg in a cast, dependent on Fred and a wheelchair for mobility. Seems that Chot had a fall in her garden, badly breaking her ankle. But good trouper that we know she is, Chot was determined to make it to Dotty's. October in Vermont was simply beautiful, B.B. related. Their hosts had scheduled a ferry boat ride across Lake Champlain to New York state, a lobster cookout supper at Dave's camp on the lake, a trip to Stowe's famed ski area, and lunch at Dave's favorite rustic fishing lodge.

Other news gleaned from B.B. is that Chot has twin granddaughters born in September, courtesy of her #2 son. B.B. and Lee expect her first grandchild around July 31 (Lee has one grandson), and B.B. can hardly wait! Jane's husband, Bob, plans to retire this year, and they want to downscale from their large home to something a bit smaller. Now that each of the Fab Four has hosted their annual reunion, in four different areas, the husbands have decided to select a resort setting for this year's gathering, which they'll keep as a surprise until then. Pack your swimsuits and wraps, girls; and keep your bones intact!

A long, newsy letter came from **Marion "Windy" Selfe Kelly** in Bristol, Tenn. She and George enrolled in a storytelling class at East Tennessee State last year and enjoyed it so much they moved up to the advanced group. They attended a storytelling convention in October and had a ball with 9,000 other participants. This was after their three-week trip to Scandinavia in August, and just before an influx of children and grandchildren, plus son Rob with his new bride, for Thanksgiving. After spending Christmas in Fairfax and Richmond with the children, Windy and George planned to enroll in a mythology course. Her message to all of us is a quote from Garrison Keillor, "Stay well, do good work, and keep in touch."

Anne "Miami" McCaskill Libis and Claude and **Peggy Elliott Sweeney** and Mickey enjoyed a three-week international Elderhostel in August. They joined a group of 42 Americans who visited Finland, Denmark

and Norway. Wouldn't it have been a hoot if they'd bumped into Marion and George? Anne said they stayed in folk-college dormitories, had interesting classes, went on lots of field trips and, in each country, visited in the home of a local family. They also had two overnight trips in huge ferry boats. A grand experience, we'd say.

From Houston, **Kate Mayo Schmidt** and Bill sent the news that their son, Bill Jr., is to be married in April in Albuquerque. May you enjoy a lovely time in New Mexico, Kate 'n Bill. **Ann Michael Sturgeon** wrote that she and "Fish" had a quiet Christmas at home on their mountain in Elkton before heading down to Florida to try to sell their home there.

Mary Lou Vollmer Cloar wrote from S.C. that because her husband, Clyde, had surgery last summer, they were unable to get to Manassas for the presentation of the children's rocker that belonged to her great-grandmother. The rocker was to be used in a special exhibit. Their traveling was cut back quite a bit, but they hope to be on the road again soon. Mary Lou said that **Erma Whitaker Henry** had brought her up-to-date on our 45th reunion.

Other travelers who also had to forego trips in '94 were **Doris Norman Carter** and Sterling, since he had to undergo surgery several times last year. All of their children and grandchildren were with them in Charlottesville for Thanksgiving, though only two were able to return for Christmas. Doris added that she's suffering from arthritis, particularly in her knees, but "keeps on keeping on" as usual, only now with a limp.

When **Connie Conley Stuart** and Bonar journeyed to Italy in '93 to spend Christmas in Venice, Connie said it felt like they *walked* from Milan to Sorrento. Back home in Toronto, she says she spends half her time going back and forth to their forest and lake cottage (where they always have a summer-time reunion with their boys and families) and the other half filming various shows seen mostly in Canada. One of the televised plays she appeared in, "Butterbox Babies," may be shown in the U.S. Recently she had a role with Richard Kiley in the sixth episode of "The Great Defender" series. She thinks it also may air in the U.S., but is not sure when. Connie, you know the '49ers are going to be channel-surfing to find your smiling face if they can.

Speaking of actresses, we have to tell you of the biggest surprise of all. **Barbara Watson Barden** revealed at the reunion that she was going to be in a made-for-TV movie called "Christmas Dinner," which probably will air in November or December of this year. Now plans are underway for it to be sold as a full-length film to one of the big movie studios. Barbara still teaches dancing and does choreography for her own shows and others in town, but had never thought of herself as an actress until she had the lead in a production of "On Golden Pond." Since then she's been in several stage plays, most recently "The Foreigner" and "When I Am An Old Woman I Shall Wear Purple." She says working for TV is a new experience, and a full-fledged movie will be another challenge. In her spare time, she babysits with some of her grandchildren and trots back and forth from

Lancaster, Pa., to Maryland, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, visiting her kids, her kids' kids and her R.I. family.

We wrote of Dawn Westbrook, **Kitten Whitlow Westbrook's** and Roland's daughter, and her success as Zelda Fitzgerald in "The Last Flapper." She's done several repeats by popular demand and soon will be taking the show to Key West, Fla., for a week-long festival of one-person shows, as well as to Asheville, N.C., where Zelda actually died. As winner of a Best Actress Award for 1993-94, we predict great things for Kitten's third daughter. The other girls and Roland are well, healthy and busy.

After our 45th last June, **Lucy Vance Gilmer** was among other caring classmates who shared pictures with June, since she could not attend in person. Then dear Lucy carefully identified each one in our class picture by name; she really pays attention! In a post-holiday call to Lucy, she passed along news of other classmates. Her sister, **Mildred Vance Secular**, and Sidney are pursuing their special interest in the Civil War. Lucy had called **Marion Kelly** since learning of her and George's move to Bristol, and still hopes to get together with her. She has seen fellow Bristolean **Mary Ann Godsey Little** recently, but not **Sarah Hayter Helton**.

Lucy related that **Erma Whitaker Henry** mentioned building a new home in Grafton; that **Esther Reece McVeigh** was having small health problems since her husband's death at the time of our June reunion; that **Barbara Trimm Wright** lost her brother in early December, and that Barb and her former roomie, **Gladys Riddle Whitesides**, had been taking several nice day-trips together. During a visit to Connecticut in October, Lucy bought a computer, brought it home and, when a service appointment was delayed, hooked it up herself and learned to use it. That's our Lucy!

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Helen Rowe Edwards** in Kinsale in September. After getting her B.S. at MWC and a master's at the U. of Maryland, she worked as extension home economist in Richmond, Westmoreland and Middlesex Counties until her retirement in 1987. Helen's obituary noted, "She loved life and the beauty of it and was always doing things to help others." That's a tribute to which we all could aspire.

A note from **Flo Archibald Barrow** in Severna Park, Md., expressed her regret at having to miss our 45th. She had been caring for both her parents for the last three and a half years, ultimately losing her mother in October '93 and her father this past June. She said she misses them dreadfully, but is trying to regain some of her own health, which declined over the lengthy period of loving caregiving. The rest of her note was personally rewarding, and we hope she'll now have more time to keep us updated and, as she added, "make your job easier."

Another welcome note came from dear **Elva Tate Hasher** in Mechanicsville, who reported that she, **Ann Patty McClintock**, **Virginia "Ginny" White** and **Mary Ellen Cox** got together for a mini-reunion luncheon in November and had a fine time catching up on new times and reminiscing about old times. As promised, Elva later sent news of

two classmates from whom we hadn't heard. **Lucille Clift Kimman** returned to Fredericksburg from an Elderhostel trip to Natchez in mid-December, noting that they really enjoyed touring the antebellum mansions of that area and adding that the food was superb.

News of **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton** in Bristol revealed that while her 92-year-old mother, who lives with her, is not very well, her mind is sharp and clear, which Sarah appreciates. She's thankful to have good help and the aid of homecare for her dear mother. Sarah recently had major improvements done on her home of 40 years, in which she and Orville had reared four sons. The boys and their respective families were there for Thanksgiving and also were to return for Christmas.

Elva's husband, Conray, continues to have progressive health problems, but she, too, is very grateful for her caregivers' assistance three days a week. Now Elva is consulting her doctors about a painful foot; however, she manages to make frequent day-trips with Conray for a change of pace.

As those of you who attended our 45th know, **June Davis McCormick** could not be present in person, owing to the terminal illness of her husband, though she was with you in spirit. Andi knew of his status, but was asked not to bring a note of sadness to the happy occasion. Several were kind in sending pictures and good reports about our reunion. Then a totally unexpected surprise arrived in the form of a lovely MWC Jefferson cup from reunioning classmates. Thanks to everyone for such a thoughtful, loving gesture; and special thanks to Andi, who did such an outstanding solo write-up of our 45th reunion.

Hardest to relate is that John lost his brave battle in November. We had observed our 41st in August and his milestone 80th in October. But the strain and pain of his lengthy illness was too great and his magnificent heart suddenly stopped. Those of you who suffered the loss of your loved ones will understand the following: Foregoing the usual third person, I want you to know that in that final moment and in ensuing days, I came to more fully understand the meaning of God's mercy. And I am grateful that He gave me the strength to care for John at home these many months. He was courageous and considerate until his last, gentle breath. John's national status as a broadcaster merited the newswires picking up his obituary; thus I heard from many friends and fans, including classmates, who read the report in their local papers.

A week later, a letter from **Dawn "Donny" McElrath Gill** arrived from Roanoke in which she anticipated a trip to St. Louis for the National Association of Biology Teachers' Conference. Though she retired from the V.W.C.C. faculty in '92, Dawn enjoys seeing her friends at yearly meetings and the field trips as a method of touring various cities. After her arrival, we had several phone visits, and eventually met for brunch and caught up on other news before her departure.

Donny, as we knew her, reported that her twin, **Ann McElrath Quinn**, who lives in Charlottesville, was not up to traveling to Bedford last year, where she and Dawn are very involved in the historical society. Ann did manage to have the traditional

Thanksgiving dinner for her two oldest sons and their families, including six grands. Her youngest son, John, works in Boston and plans to be married in June.

Dawn's husband, Frank, suffered a heart attack 10 years ago and three subsequent life-threatening episodes in hospital. He has had to restructure his life, especially after a diabetes diagnosis five years ago. Encouraged by his progress, Dawn has taken many lovely trips, including one to Paris following our reunion in June. However, 10 days after her return, Frank had severe chest pains and was rushed to the hospital. While correcting his fibrillation, it was discovered that he also had pneumonia. Dawn spent much time at the hospital but was looking forward to his homecoming when she wrote in early December. They had to cancel a stay at their Myrtle Beach condo in December, as well as a visit with **Ann Guillory Hubbard** in Raleigh, N.C., while en route. Dawn hopes to reschedule when Frank is able to travel.

Dawn and Ann had a good visit in October at the Peaks of Otter, near Bedford, and plan to make it an annual reunion point. See if you can spot **Jean Murphy Baptist** in Martinsville from that vantage point, Dawn. Final news from Donny was more joyful as their daughter, Pam, had just called to say she, husband Tom and children Tommy, 4, and Katharine, 2, were flying home from Brussels, Belgium, for Christmas and would return to Mission Viejo, Calif., instead of Belgium. Son Edward and his family also were expected, making it the first family reunion in many years and a joyous Christmas for the Gills.

It was lovely to see Donny for the first time in 45 years, even under less than happy circumstances. Returning home, June continued a marathon effort to complete the promised "Celebrity Tree," now in John's memory, for the annual *Festival of Trees*. While they had chosen the theme in July, she didn't know whether she could execute it. However, as a last public honor and for the benefit of charity, she made the extra effort. Titled "Special Delivery," the tree featured miniature mailboxes holding tiny letters to Santa, Santa's workshop, and delivery of the requested items via various forms of transportation. For the eighth consecutive year, his tree won Judges' Choice, our ultimate honor and service.

June spent the holidays with her family in Richmond, which was a needed hiatus from her immediate duties. Now, as so many of our classmates, we go on. And again, to each of you, we send love from boffus.

1951

Roselyn Bell Morris
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It was so exciting to get a wee bit of news. In September, I received this note from **Inge Busemann Kistler**: "The book, *Enchanted Remembrances 1838-1925*, the autobiography of my great-grandaunt, which I finished translating some five years ago, is finally coming out! Here I am, retired from managing public housing, working part time as general manager of a community chorus, The North Shore Choral Society, grandmother of three little girls, two in Texas, one in Massachusetts, and

now a published author! I am excited and hope all my MWC friends — from the time when I had just arrived from Germany — will share my joy!"

This time next year, we are going to be making plans for our '96 reunion trip — aren't we? Send ideas for a great reunion.

1953

Barbara Faxon Stout
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Charlotte Benz Villalobos
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From Barbara:

Maui, Hawaii, in winter, provided **Nancy Corbett Roland** and husband Joe the opportunity to live in swimsuits and shorts, not something they do in Seattle. Joe even took a 3 a.m. van ride to the top of a 10,234-foot volcano to view the sunrise and then a 38-mile bicycle ride from the summit to the ocean beach. Evidently, he developed an intimate friendship with the rear hand brake! Since retirement, **Virginia Poole Kinniburgh** and husband John have enjoyed traveling, putting 38,000 miles on their car in one year. Jill, Stuart and family are still in Augusta, awaiting orders this summer. Mark, Catherine and family are expecting orders to Command and Staff College.

Carol Ann Smith Boyes wrote that all was well with husband Bill, their children, and their seven grandchildren. Carol's car knows the round trip to Rhode Island since Carol often travels the route to visit her mother. Bill is still happily retired, and Carol is still happily working at the National Gallery of Art.

Doris Lindsey Whitfield and husband John spent Christmas with their daughter, Margaret, and family in Austin, Texas. Doris and John have traveled via jeep and small camper to such places as Tucson, the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park and Big Bend National Park, Texas, stopping to visit family and friends along the way. Doris reports that there's a wonderful hot spring, located by the Rio Grande, that's perfect for soaking tired bodies after strenuous hikes up and down mountains and canyons. After all these years, Doris relates that she and other MWC'ers who grew up in Fredericksburg finally had a reunion at Tides Inn. **Barbara Caverlee Schuler** was also there.

In Silver City, Nev., **Alberta Shelton Stornetta** and husband Wake attended a Stornetta mini-reunion. From there they went to Placerville, Calif., where they found much information on the family, including a great-grandfather, who owned three gold mines and a saloon. Further travels took them to other California cities and then to N.J. to visit Marcia, Chrissy, Nathan and Daniel; to Norwalk, Conn., to visit Dave and Ellen; and to Wakefield, R.I., to see Mary Beth, Tom, Kati and Becky. In N.J. they attended the opening of Scott's Surety Technologies company headquarters. This is Alberta's 25th year as a piano teacher, but she promises to quit soon.

Martha Gilbert Smith continues to take advantage of exhibits at Boston's art galleries. She also visits with daughter Diana and son

Derek when time and opportunity afford. Lake Pomme de Terre in the Ozarks, 60 miles north of Springfield, Mo., has been home to **Carolyn Keck Redic** and husband Jim since his retirement in '92. They enjoy birding, and Carolyn still enjoys riding. **Sally Hammett Davis** and husband Robert now live on Hilton Head Island, S.C. Sally continues to play piano and lots of tennis.

Charlotte and I recently talked, pooling our news. She had lunch with **Nancy Corbett Roland** and **Mary "Keko" Moore Twite** earlier this year in San Diego. Charlotte and Jose are planning more trips this year, the first to Oahu, Hawaii. Of course, they will continue visits to daughter Pattie and family in Northern California.

Among our many travels this year, Hal and I especially enjoyed ever-beautiful Switzerland by train, much of it steam. And from the steam paddlers, we gained an insight into life centered around the lakes. It was sad to see the graffiti that now "decorates" many of the cities and to hear of the growing crime rate from our Swiss friends. The great highlight of our year was the commissioning of *USS Stout* in Houston, Texas. Hal had the honor of speaking about his dad, for whom the ship is named, sharing the podium with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jeremy Boorda and Secretary of the Navy John Dalton. Many of the men who served on the *USS Claxton* in WWII when Hal's dad was her commander were also present and as thrilled as any of us over the occasion. *Stout* (DDG 55), an Aegis class destroyer, was commissioned on August 13, and the next day aboard *Stout*, standing under the portrait of her grandfather, our daughter, Lida, was married to Major Mark L. Haskett, USMC. The Rev. Danny Givens, who married Lida and Mark, was also ship superintendent of *Stout*. On August 15 as I was winging back to Virginia, Hal and our son, Herald, were heading down the Galveston Channel on *Stout*'s first sea journey, headed for her home port, Norfolk. Somewhere off Florida they came across Cuban refugees and brought them aboard. Lida is still practicing criminal law, now in N.C. instead of Ill. Herald and family still live in Steamboat Springs, Colo., but we plan to visit with them shortly in Maui, Hawaii, where they will be vacationing for a month. We now visit Lida, Mark and Denny near the Atlantic beaches, and son and family at 7,000 feet.

Thanks to all who wrote. Please note new address!

1955

Carol Cooper
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Chatham, VA 24531

Eileen West Grenfell is teaching at Flint Hill School in Vienna, Va. She has answered **Bobbie Sue Smith Holdeman**'s grandchild challenge with nine, including twins. **Ciel Valentine** and **Betty Fox Mapp** were each planning their daughters' marriages for the late summer.

I know you will be sad to hear that **Jane Dallas Wood** died of cancer and that **Carole Kolton Bryson**'s husband has died. Sympathy is extended to both families.

Barbara Jones Black is now a docent

at the Wildlife Museum in Salisbury, Md.

Linda Munden Shelton complains that she is still working. She is the owner of a Hallmark store in the Richmond area. **Coralyn White McGeehan** is still leading tours of Washington. Just look for the red umbrella! Winters are spent in Florida.

Eileen Cella Manze, another ex-teacher, is enjoying the retirement life, as are **Bee Melillo Shanahan** and **Dotty Booth Sanders**. Dotty's son is a third-year medical student.

In late October, **Mary-Margaret Papstein Carter**, Bee and I had a leisurely lunch in NYC. The Carters were on their way to Nova Scotia, then planned a month in Arizona and New Mexico. The Shanahans enjoyed a cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Bee's elder son was recently married in the Cayman Islands. He and a younger son are in business in Boca Raton, Fla. Her daughter, a teacher, is married to John Himmellman, an author of children's books.

Ann Grubbs Blitchington had a visit from **Peggy McRoberts**, who retired from the Norfolk Public Library. She spent 25 years in Alaska. Ann also had attended an exhibit of "**Mimi**" **Whittemore Harman-Walke**'s work in Richmond.

Ann sent news and an annotated Christmas picture of her family. Travel took the Blitchingtons to the island of St. Maarten on a charter boat trip. Sounds wonderful! Her husband, Frank, and a granddaughter are recovering from serious health problems. We hope they continue to do well.

Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell leads the grandchildren parade with 12! She says she expects more! She is still working, has taken up golf and mah-jongg, and traveled to Hawaii, as well as back East.

My travels have led to France (ah, that food and wine), New York and Connecticut, and the beach at Duck, N.C., with the **Nell McCoy Savopoulos** '53 clan.

1957

Jean Durham Busboso
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In my last report, I inquired about **Catherine Wright Gadd**. Her aunt, who lives in Fredericksburg, and **Carolyn Six Herel** were kind enough to write giving information about her untimely death, which apparently occurred about a month before our 1992 reunion. Catherine had a heart attack in her car while stopping for a traffic light in her hometown of Roanoke, Va. We extend our belated condolences to her family.

Carolyn and I shared the same profession for many years. She received a master's degree in library science from the University of Alabama in 1980 and has worked as a school librarian in Circleville, Ohio, for 28 years. Her daughter, Suzanne, lives in Sacramento, Calif., and has two children. Despite working full time, Carolyn has many interests — cave exploring, metal-detecting, visiting zoos, and is even an amateur radio operator. Where does she get all that energy?

Carolyn also sent news of **Gretchen Loewner Price**, who retired from teaching and moved to Harrisonburg. It was sad to

learn that Gretchen's husband, Harry, had a heart attack and died last May.

Whenever we can, Buz and I spend a few days in September at Virginia Beach. While he golfs, I spend a day with **Joyce Bristow Wrestler**, who lives nearby, catching up on the news. Her husband, Cliff, retired last year.

Writing this report reminds me of the Christmas holidays while I was at MWC. I always spent much of the holiday writing term papers. Since I have always wanted to see the Rose Parade, Buz and I are leaving for California right after Christmas and won't be back until well into January. Thus, in order to meet the Jan. 15 deadline, I am working on Christmas Eve. Déjà vu!

Speaking of Christmas, the mail brought another surprise. **Joan Brosky Murrey** wrote that she is director of purchasing at the City University of New York Graduate School in Manhattan. Her son, Scott, graduates this year from the State University of Optometry.

1959

Edna Gooch Trudeau
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New Kent, VA 23124

Here we go, from all those great Christmas cards and notes! **Beth Shochat Cole** wrote how much she enjoyed working on the reunion. Her granddaughter, Teri, spent some time with her this summer. She attended camp, went riding, swimming, kayaking, tried tie-dyeing, archery, and the list goes on. Grandma, I bet you have a visitor again next summer. In the meantime, Cynthia and George are house-hunting in Denver. Julie is pregnant. She and Tom are living in Tucson. Debbie stays very busy with Teri and Sean. Beth directs development for the Cooperative Assistance Fund.

Catherine "Kitten" Swaffin Howard sent news that John Jr., Ann and kids, Patricia and Susan, have moved to Austin. Super, since Sally, Rich and Becky are there, too. Now all the family is only four hours away. Kitten was pleased to write that John Jr. established the environmental law section for his firm, Bracewell and Patterson. Kitten made a visit home to Virginia in June. John spent a great week at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, teaching leadership courses as district chairman.

Wonderful letter from **Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman**. Business is good. Alan opened two biggies in New York and Los Angeles! Jeff, who works for his dad, is constantly traveling and opening shops. He and Pam have two sons, Carter and Connor. Julie is remarried to John Duckworth. They have two children, Austin and Francie. Tammie completed her master's at VPI in hospitality and touring management and is thinking about starting to work on her Ph.D. During the year, Pug visited her second home in Colorado, and also went to Carmel, Calif., New Orleans and New York. Everyone gets together for the holidays, then they're off to Nassau. Pug wrote that she and **Joan Essick Woloson** visited in Colorado.

Mary Massey and Jack Meiners made their fifth cross-country trip early in the fall in their camper. It took six weeks. Their next big project is to help plan 175 hikes for a

week-long Appalachian Trail Conference this summer at James Madison University. Wow! My aching feet!

Lois Gaylord Allen added another dog to the menagerie that she plans to show in field trials after her retirement. Her oldest grandchild, Marcus, is in kindergarten. Can you believe it? **Gloria Winslow Borden** spent this past Easter in Hawaii. Poor thing! She visited Cynthia in Texas and fit a cruise to Bermuda in her schedule. Caroline and Mike are in Knoxville with their three girls. He's working on his Ph.D. at UT. Beth, Dan and their three girls keep their schedules hopping. Cliff and Lynda are expecting their second child in June. I do believe Gloria is expecting the cycle to be broken this time and that a grandson may appear.

Lucky Carmen Culpeper Chappell. Her daughter, Jennifer, and son-in-law, Doug, are in a townhouse only five minutes away! Carmen and John bought a vacation home about one hour from Denver, and planned to spend the holidays there. They took a trip to Scandinavia after the reunion, with a two-day stopover in St. Petersburg, which they loved. **Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas** and Spiros are still looking for a new house, and she continues to teach in the Greek school.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn's daughter, Catherine, teaches third grade in Melbourne, Fla. She and Mike will marry in November. This past summer, Cathy stayed with Mary Carolyn and worked for a day-care. After she left, Mary Carolyn helped out temporarily. And her comment? "Never again." She much prefers her favorite middle school in Chesterfield County — Midlothian. She really enjoys substituting there. She'll have to share some of her time in the coming months, coordinating wedding plans from Richmond, Covington and Melbourne.

I do believe that **Katherine Rowe Hayes** singlehandedly defeated Disney's attempt to move into her district. Her son, Tom, married Robin Lowe this past year. Kathy and Gregg have settled in Spartanburg, S.C., where Gregg has his own store, Rhodes Furniture. They also have four children, three cats and a dog. Karen is still looking for a job in the chemistry field. She is in retailing now, and Tom is managing a Keebler Cookie distribution center in Indianapolis. Don likes his leisurely retirement. Besides looking after Kay, he takes care of one retired quarter horse, one dog and a possum. Do we want to know the story behind that?

Marcia Phipps Ireland's granddaughter, Caitlen, just turned 3 years old. Kent will complete his M.B.A. this year. Marcia and Gary continue to restore their Victorian house. **Barbara Ann Barndt Miller** had a very successful show season. She and Ralph are looking forward to 1995 and another successful year. Their daughter, Ann, is a nurse at the Medical College of Pa.

Eleanor Markham Old has not given up her volunteer jobs as a Welcome Wagon hostess and tour guide at the Amish Farm and House. She is also serving as the regent of the Donegal DAR. Arthur is teaching flying part time, doing payroll a few days a month at a Kitchen Kettle, substituting at Va. Tech, as well as consulting as a computer instructor for small businesses. This is retirement,

Arthur? Jimmy was transferred to Oceana NAS and spent six months on the aircraft carrier *Eisenhower*. Eleanor spent Thanksgiving with her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, and grandson Parker, while Jimmy was away. Eleanor attended Arthur's 40th high school reunion. They missed ours because they were moving Eleanor's mother-in-law. Eleanor saw **Shelly Cohen Mand** at Maury High's reunion.

Newsy note from **Irene Piscopo Rodgers**. She considers 1994 a very eventful year. Must mean '95 is going to be better. Irene took her annual trip with her best friends to Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas. Don is a very understanding and hip "women's needs" kind of husband! They did the usual skiing, tennis and shows. Irene also took business trips to San Francisco, Minnesota and Georgia. September found her saying hello to her old roomie, **Ann Watkins Steves**, who was traveling through New England. Irene went to New Orleans several times during the year, particularly enjoying her side trips to several plantations. In October she met **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** for dinner. They talked long after the restaurant had stopped serving! Irene waxed eloquently about her trip to Canada, which was another of those events. She and Don took a cruise to Mexico in November, spent a week in Sarasota with friends and another week visiting Don's family in Florida. Just think, she still had the strength to make it to our reunion!

Sally Warwick Rayburn's Christmas letter informs us that she spent the '93 holidays in San Diego. That was followed by Disney World in February. She took Jim's mother, and they had a blast. In March, Hawaiian waves beckoned. Son Dick and Shawn and daughter Ginny and John went, too. At Easter-time we find Sally in Spain, and in April, in Bermuda. In May, she had her first annual Craft Pig Picking with most of the kids there. She had a 4th of July party, and there were even more kids in August. I'm talking six grandchildren and various moms and dads that go with them. Sally's house was on the home tour for St. John's Museum this year. In five hours on a Sunday afternoon, 900 people trooped through. Now everyone knows where she lives. To recuperate, **Barbara Lewis Leddick** and Ken had them at their vacation home in Lake Tauxaway, N.C.

A family reunion beckoned **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** to Seattle. Then on to Washington, Victoria, Vancouver and the Lake Louise area. Phil, Jean and Phil Jr. are still in San Francisco. Phil was promoted to a general partner at Peterson and Company and was also made managing partner for the West Coast operation. He travels from Hawaii to London. Jay works with Elliot Wave Investment Firm, which also keeps him traveling on the same route as his brother. He meets with currency and energy advisory clients. His wife, Kris, is the creative consultant for a design firm working mostly in Atlanta. Dave and Darlene have moved to Delray. She is completing her graduate courses at the U. of Miami to become a C.P.A. Dave finished in the top 10 in the G.C.T. and was even paired several times with Gary Nicklaus. He shot a final winning round of 67 in one event and was third in the National Bank Championship. In February, Jim was honored for 30 years as a

financial consultant. Phyllis continues her love of sports activities and volunteer jobs.

Julia Coates Littlefield put out a 125th anniversary keepsake edition in the summer issue of Sigma Nu's "The Delta" publication. It told the history of the fraternity from 1869. Sounds like quite a production. Bess, Mike and little Jack were expected for Christmas this year. Scott is also working for Sigma Nu, but graduate school is still in the picture.

Priscilla "Pete" Brown Wardlaw wrote that in May, she and Charles celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in Ireland. Charles enjoys retirement because he can pursue so many interests. Pete said that changing from St. Mary's alumnae director to a legal secretary was quite a transition. She is settled but misses the old days. Chris is teaching French at Queen's College. Rob is in Manhattan, working for a publishing firm, commuting, furnishing an apartment and traveling.

Sigrid Stanley Jackman said all three kids came home for the holidays. Billy would be coming in from Kanazawa, Japan, where he teaches in a private high school. Tom comes in from Kansas City, where, besides writing for the newspaper, he is now writing a screenplay. Betsy still works for the Marriott Headquarters in Bethesda. Sigrid keeps busy with commercial real estate and property management.

For those who didn't receive a reunion booklet, there are a few updates. **Joann Dundon Alexander** manages a farm and breeds horses. Her husband, John, chairman of Hermitidier Co., also trains thoroughbred horses. They have four children: Margie, Dan, Julie and Suzanne, and two grandchildren, Andrew and Catlyn. **Jean Grant Bibb** is an assistant principal of Park View High School in Sterling. Her husband, Harry, is the deputy superintendent of Loudoun County School Board. **Sandra Sooy Brown** continues her career as a computer systems analyst which involves much world travel. Randall is a retired high school teacher. They have three stepchildren — Julie, Kristina and Randall. They are both looking forward to complete retirement in a mountain home in the Sierras, where all they have to think about is their next tennis or golf game.

Nancy Lanford Carr works part time in an antique consignment shop. She is a church and community volunteer. Her husband, Albert, is a physician and professor at the Medical College of Georgia. Their four children, Lynn, Bert, David and Stephanie, have given them six grandchildren. **Jean Paul Cherubini** is an elementary art teacher in Jacksonville, N.C. Ron has retired from the Marines and has started another career as a teacher and football coach. They have four children, Lisa, Ron, Beth and Paul. **Catherine "Kitty" Dishman Crandall** is very active in her community. She is VP of the hospital auxiliary and serves on the board of trustees. She has two children, Catherine and Michael. Her husband, Harry, is an Episcopal priest.

Stephanie Conover Denison is the office manager of Bethany Animal Hospital, and Dana is the manager of Phoenix Capital Corp. They have three kids and manage to involve everyone in gardening, swimming and horseback riding. **Janet Bewley Edmunds** ran Jan Hammond Interiors for 10 years. She

still enjoys antiquing and has added yoga and various community projects to her schedule.

I received a postcard from **Audrey Dubetsky Doyle** this summer. She and Tom were enjoying some R&R in the Caribbean. They had chartered a 39-foot sailboat and visited most of the beaches on St. Maarten and St. Barts. **Carol Pridgen Gill** teaches math at Byrd Middle School in Henrico. George is in sales with Data Communications. Their children are Andy, John and Mark. Carol is on the board of directors of the Senior Center of Richmond. Carol likes photography and gardening. She and George have a mountain retreat on the slopes of the Blue Ridge.

Duane Massey Carlton married Carl Hawkins. She is an elementary principal in Goochland, and Carl works for J.H. Pence. Her twin daughters are attending MCV and William & Mary. Duane spends her spare time on genealogy. **Peggy Bruck Kilby** has been a homemaker, active in church and community. She likes crafts and traveling but spends most of her time working on substance abuse issues. William, her husband, is a lawyer and serves as the executive director of the Florida Lawyers Assoc. They have a son, William Jr., and a grandson. **Shelly Cohen Mand** keeps busy as a community volunteer. Martin is the executive VP and chief financial officer for Northern Telecom, Ltd. Their three children are Greg, Mike and Brian. **Marcia Kyes Price** is now living in Redlands, Calif., her spare time spent reading, golfing and oil painting, which is a-ok with husband John.

After lo, these many years, my roomie, **Carol Noakes Robinson**, called! She is still with Paine-Webber, Inc., and now designs systems for brokers. She's a grandma, thanks to daughter Genny. She has three grandchildren, who live in New Hampshire. Son Ted is married and planning a move from Los Angeles to Atlanta. Carol said she just completed redecorating her brownstone. She travels frequently and had just returned from a camping trip on the Delaware River. Listen up, **Mary Massey**! You can't imagine how thrilling it was to hear from you. Gosh, I love that telephone. Y'all pick it up anytime.

JoNeal Hendricks Scully is a self-employed human patterns consultant. She is a registered private investigator with the state of Virginia, specializing in handwriting analysis and handwriting in criminal investigation. Now if she coordinates with Sigrid's Tom — there's a novel there somewhere. JoNeal has two sons, Sean and Evan. **Joan Whittemore Loock** is an education consultant for the Wisc. Dept. of Public Education. She has co-authored two textbooks. Jim is the manager of Wisc. Power and Light. Their son, Chris, is an F-14 pilot in the Navy and will be transferring to Japan for two years. Daughter Mardy is self-employed as a film and short series director. Joan and Jim hope to retire to Golf Shores, Ala. Hate to be the one to tell you, but they have hurricanes down there.

Received a long-awaited letter from **Martha Huffman Wood**. She has taught for many years in Alexandria, then Charlottesville, and finally called it quits in '93. However, she has continued her interest and involvement with the VEA and will be trying for a retired seat on the VEA board. Her husband, Eldon, is an architect. Daughter Elizabeth is married

and lives in Wake Forest, N.C. By the time you read this, they will be grandparents. Have heard that **Nicolette Forchas Alexliou** is a counselor in Miami.

Virginia is in her third year at U.Va., and it still isn't any easier. I miss her so. Am still teaching and will continue to hang in as long as possible.

1961

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1963

Ginger Logie Carr
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From Ginger:

It has been such fun hearing from some of you through the year. **Nancy Slonim Aronie** wrote a great letter and enclosed a tape, "Nancy Slonim Aronie: Life Out Loud, NPR Commentaries-A Collection." It is a selection of some of her pieces that have been aired on "All Things Considered" on National Public Radio. It is fun and poignant. What fun to know someone who has made the "big time." A book may appear in the future. Congratulations! Nancy and husband Joel live on Martha's Vineyard. They have two sons; one is graduating from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., and the other son is at a motorcycle mechanic school in Daytona Beach, Fla. Nancy stays in touch with **Betsy Lydle Smith**, who is teaching and has her own art consulting business in Seattle. **Susan Rutan Joehnke** is a lawyer and living in LaJolla, Calif.

I also had a long letter from **Betsy Evans Manchester**. She and Dane live in N.J. Betsy's daughter, Sue, is a high school senior, and son Eddie is in his first year of law school at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland.

My roommate, **Eileen Hildebrand Nielsen**, is greatly enjoying her new role as grandmother. Their son, Jim, and his wife have a baby boy. Their daughter, Megan, is getting her master's degree in international relations at the U. of Florida, and son Jeff is living at home and working. She says Jeff does the dishes, so it is working out. Eileen's garden club is planning to visit Boston in April for "Art in Bloom" at the Museum of Fine Arts, so I am hoping I'll see her.

I met **Karen Vandevanter Chapman** in July for lunch and had a great time catching up. Son Paul is first mate on a boat in St. Thomas until May. Last summer he sailed on the *Shamrock V* out of Newport, R.I., the 1930 America's Cup contender built by Sir Thomas Lipton. Daughter Kirsten is working in NYC. Karen is enjoying her job as library media specialist in Mystic, Conn.

Ann Reardon Crowley wrote that she is publications manager and newsletter editor for the National Genealogical Society in Arlington, Va. She also has her own desktop

publishing business. Ann has two daughters: Susan, who is in a graduate program in counseling at Marymount College in Arlington, Va.; and Jeannie, who is a junior at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Ann keeps in touch with **Lola Koller Sarsfield**, who has four grown daughters and lives in Dale City, Va.; and **Nancy Pida Remmers**, who lives in Vienna, Va., and is taking classes toward her master's in counseling.

Congratulations to **Sally Abbott Pomputius**, who was given the Family Doctor of the Year award by the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians and was one of the 10 finalists for the national award. Sally has four children: Susan is receiving her master's in religious arts from the Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio; Michael received a master's from Cornell; and Martha is a junior at Hampshire College, Amherst, Mass. She also has an 11-year-old son.

I also heard from **Maria Martinod Hagman**. It sounds as if she has had a busy and varied life. Maria is living in Thousand Oaks, Calif., where she is a dietician and representative for a stationery goods company. She celebrated turning 50 by learning to make porcelain dolls. Maria has three children — all in their 30s and doing well.

We spent a beautiful October weekend with **Carol Van Ness Clapp** and Dick at their new home on Cape Cod. Their daughter, Dede, still lives in the Baltimore area, and Christopher lives in Boston. We are hoping to see him one of these days.

We don't have any special news since last year. Our daughters both live in the Boston area, which we love. I am still working at the Garden in the Woods in public relations. If you are visiting New England, stop by the Garden; it is beautiful and worth the visit, and I'll try to recognize you.

Keep in touch! To quote Nancy Slonim, "I can't believe we have so many duds not writing in. How can we motivate the wretched beings into responding? I always turn to '63 and am crestfallen when the news is sparse."

1965

Margaret Cobourn John
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Barbara Hageman Hester got a nice note from **Barbara Wohlfeil Weatherall** at Christmas. She and Joe decided to retire/quit jobs, sell their house and head to Costa Rica for a vacation. They visited Antigua and Guatemala and spent Christmas back in Costa Rica, where they were joined by their children. In January, they planned to check out North/South Carolina as possible areas for settling down. Ah, will I ever see retirement?

Bev Boudreau Kleiber and George spent Christmas in Paris, where their daughter, Leslie, is in school. Their son lives and works in the D.C. area.

Suzy Patterson Graham sent me a Christmas card. She's still in Deltona, Fla., and enjoyed a picture I'd sent her of **Trudy Kitchin Kohl**, **Donna Lingo Rauch**, **Barbara Hageman Hester**, **Lisa Corder Wharton** and me at one of our mini-reunions.

I received a nice letter from **Ann Moser Garner** in January. She left MWC in '64 due

to illness. Ann graduated with honors from Pan American Business School in Richmond in '64. Mrs. Garner (Randolph housemother) played cupid by getting her son, Clarence, and Ann together. Mrs. Garner died in 1989, but she is remembered with fondness by those of us who lived in Randolph dorm. Clarence and Ann are celebrating their 30th anniversary in June. They have two girls, Carolyn Green, 23, a senior honor student at VCU and Mary Edwards, 19, a sophomore at JMU. Ann has been with King William High School for 14 years and is currently an administrative assistant. Her husband is a CPA. Ann plans to attend our reunion this summer.

I have enjoyed being your class agent for five years, but feel it's time for a change. I'm sure you're ready to hear more about classmates outside of my own friends!

1967

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1969

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A quick piece of business before the news: Thank you all so much for the generous response to the Laura V. Sumner Merit Scholarship Fund. Please remember to designate this fund in your future contributions. Getting reacquainted with you at the reunion really restored my faith in the future of this crazy world.

As I write this in freezing January, my husband, Jim, and I have just returned from St. Lucia, where we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. In the past four years, the whole family (Matt, 20, and Emily, 17) has become enamored of scuba diving, and has traveled to some remote and fascinating places. Congratulations to all of you celebrating your 25th, also!

A fellow Ohioan, **Anne Witham Kilpatrick**, writes that she and **Jeanine Zavrel Fearn**s will get together this year with **Toni Turner Bruseth** and **Suzy Bender Winterble** for their biannual mini-reunion. Toni and husband Jim made a trip to Europe for their 25th. Jeanine and her daughter visited Anne in October for the Quarter Horse Congress. She also writes that Suzy and her husband, Chas, were moving from Massachusetts to Connecticut. Anne and her husband, Roger, celebrated their 25th with a trip to Nassau. Their daughter, Rebecca, and her husband have purchased their first home in Georgia.

In the "small world" department, my daughter and I were in an antique shop in Somerset, Ky., where we have a summer cabin, and we ran across an advertising poster for Dr Pepper, with a very familiar face on it. Sure enough, it was Miss Teenage America 1969, **Jeanine Zavrel**!

Anne heard from **Iris Harrell** at Christmas; they went to high school together. Iris sent an interesting article about herself and her very successful remodeling business in Menlo Park, Calif. It appeared in the *San Jose Mercury News* — very impressive!

Several of the "old" Mason dorm residents

write faithfully at Christmas. **Betty Ferguson Foster** and husband Charlie live just outside Richmond and travel quite a bit. Both of their very busy daughters caught mononucleosis this fall. When she isn't nursing daughters, she's an active volunteer. Her roommate, **Bonnie Page Hoopengardner**, lives in Vienna, and they get together several times a year. Bonnie and husband Roger have three children (college, high school and grade school), and Bonnie works part time.

Linda Marett Disosway has three very active girls and, being married to pilot John, gets to travel quite a bit. Linda sings, plays tennis and volunteers. They live near Atlanta. **Barbara Marks Poppleton** lives in Pittsburgh, and she and husband Don have three children. Daughter Valerie is studying to be a nurse, and both sons are real athletes. Barb stays busy volunteering, too. **Martha Pickard Zink** '70 and husband Rip have two sons, one of whom graduated from W&L last June. From their home outside Baltimore, they manage to travel a lot, and enjoy rock-climbing, skiing and golf. Martha still paints and is interested in antiques.

Linda Huff Alderson and husband Sandy live in Marin County, Calif., and have two kids. Sandy is president of the Oakland A's, and Linda keeps busy with their new house and volunteering. She's a breast cancer survivor. I hope to see her in February, when we plan a short trip to see my sister, Janet (U.Va. '70). Don't know how many of you remember **Janie Ireland Martin** (U.Va. '69), my roommate the first two years at MWC. She, artist husband David, and three kids live in Charleston, W.Va., where she is a nurse.

I heard from **Patti Boise Kemp** right after the reunion. She continues to teach calculus, physics and other brainy things at a high school near Fredericksburg. She and husband Jack have one son. **Betty Olander Adams** dropped a line to say she was sorry to miss the reunion, but was really busy with her law practice in Ellicott City, Md. I'm impressed! Keep those cards and letters coming, Ladies!

1971

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1973

Mary Stevens Portier
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Many thanks to all who responded to my plea for news, especially to **Mary Driehaus Schwem**, who was the first to ensure something for this column. She has taken a new volunteer coordinating position for the local community theater's board of directors, and has begun a new career with the master of science management program with Lesley College's outreach program in Cheyenne. Her volunteer work has extended to writing a weekly column for the Cheyenne Sunday paper, and serving as a regional vice chairperson of the Association of Volunteer Administrators.

Her husband, Bill, had a career change as well; he retired from the Air Force in December '93 and started anew in the health information systems field. With a daughter and son in high school and a daughter in college, it sounds like a busy household!

I received e-mail from **Dale Cole Carter**, a systems analyst in South Bend, Ind., who is in her ninth year of working at Notre Dame in administrative support services. Last year brought many changes to their family, with the twins, Rachel and Chris, going into middle school, and her husband, Bill, starting a new job in August. Her older son, David, entered high school after spending the summer in Australia. Dale traveled to Maryland for her 25th high school reunion and took a side trip to MWC, her first visit in 20 years!

I also heard from **Jo Billings**, who writes from Richmond that she is a very busy mother of two: Sally, 5, and Peter, 4. She works full time as a nurse in the transplant vascular surgery unit at the Medical College of Virginia.

Vickie Wilson Watts writes from Camp Hill, Pa., that she is teaching again, now at a small Christian school in Gettysburg. After moving 18 times in the 22 years they've been married, Vickie and Harry plan to settle in Pennsylvania when he retires from the Air Force. They have three children: Hope, a senior at Penn State, who is engaged to be married; Scott, a high school junior; and Steven, in seventh grade.

Also writing from Pennsylvania was **Anne Gillette Murphy**, who is working part time as a children's librarian at the Reading Public Library. Her husband, Lex, works for Martin-Marietta Astro Space. Children Brian, 15, and Gwendolyn, 10, keep them very busy with all their activities.

Michele Tollie Brown writes that daughter Valerie's medical condition remains unchanged. She still goes to UCLA for transfusions every two weeks, and is doing pretty well under the circumstances. She has joined her older sister, Stephanie, at Thousand Oaks High School. Valerie, Stephanie, and younger brother, Gregory, will all be attending Ronald McDonald Camp sessions this winter. The Southern California Children's Cancer Services, one of several organizations that has helped the family cope with Valerie's illness, is sponsoring the camp.

Susan Regan came south in March 1994 to share a little of our Florida sunshine at the national Elementary Principals' Conference, where she and another principal made a presentation on a new program in their district. Their teachers have been working this year without a contract while negotiations continue, a situation Susan says has been "interesting, to say the least." She's done a lot of work on her house this year, including having the interior painted. Since her house has such high ceilings, she didn't want to tackle this job herself. Even so, all the packing was almost like moving again.

One of the few cards I received from Virginia was a note from Commander **Susan Jacobius Davis**, who is about to retire from the Navy after 22 years. She is looking forward to being a full-time mother to her active 9-year-old daughter, Amy, and to working with husband Bruce in the family business. They will be staying in Oakton.

Congratulations go to my ex-roomie, **Carolyn Weems Lacks**, in Newport News, who finished her M.A.Ed. in August. Husband Wayne is also newly degreed, receiving his B.A. in December.

Julie Howe Young's year was dominated by construction: adding a family room and remodeling the kitchen. (Yes, Julie, it does take forever to get all those final details finished — we added to our house in 1987, and I still keep finding little things Ken says he'll get around to one of these days.) Julie says she is still "giving away" her time, but she and husband Jake do manage to play golf quite a bit. She and her golf buddies are looking forward to going to golf school in Arizona in February. Julie's two boys, Eric and Doug, are growing up fast, keeping life interesting with a band, a dizzying array of sports and a myriad of other activities.

Our family had a great year, highlighted by a three-week trip of camping and family visits in the Southwest, culminating in four incredible days at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. The new school year brought changes, with Russell moving up to middle school and Sarah moving on to high school. I'd be interested to hear from anyone else with a child enrolled in an international baccalaureate program. Keep the news coming!

1975

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From Karen:

Though our 20th reunion is almost here, I have only heard from a few members of the Class of '75. **Natalie Whitcomb Linder** now lives in Michigan with her husband, Gary, and two children, Rachel and Eric, ages 6 and 4. Natalie is a senior project manager in the Detroit office of PM Environmental, a geological consulting firm. Like many working moms, Natalie says she spends a lot of time in her car! Natalie keeps in touch with **Maria Oliver Sumanski**, who lives in Northern New Jersey with her husband, Joe, and three children, Frances, Elisa and Mary Catherine.

Long lost **Jan Hausrath** is alive and well in Herndon, Va. Jan is pursuing a dream — she's writing a book. Consulting work three or four days a week pays the bills and her mortgage. Jan just returned from Austria, where she visited with family.

Evelyn Koster Linaburg now lives in Winchester, Va. She plans to complete her master's degree in administration and supervision this year from JMU. She continues to teach, and John works for Potomac Edison. They are busy raising two children, who are engaged in activities like Rollerblade hockey and band. They are fixtures in the Shenandoah Valley and, fortunately for me, they make sure I travel periodically to the valley for visits.

Brenda Goodman, married to a psychologist, now lives in Mechanicsville, Va. I hear through friends that Brenda is very happy. She has been working at the Virginia Housing and Development Authority for several years, where she supervises housing pro-

jects for the elderly and disadvantaged members of society. I know she has been active in the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. She stays in touch with **Claire Miller**, who is married and busy raising her two children in Hopewell, Va. **Esther Wilson Hannon** and husband Brian have four children and a dog. While that alone is enough to keep most of us busy, Esther occasionally teaches courses at Mary Wash and does consulting work in the foreign relations field.

I had dinner with **Nicki Hutton Locascio** and husband Joseph during a visit to Richmond. Joseph has set up his own ophthalmology practice in Huntington, W.Va. Nicki is completing another graduate degree, this one in environmental science. With her degree in genetics and recent work in the environmental field, Nicki is frequently invited to teach at local colleges. She is also raising two children, Adam and Gweneth. They have a lovely home atop a hill overlooking Huntington and are involved in many civic activities.

I have been at the attorney general's office for three years. Last year I changed fields and now work in the office's environmental section. My work is a mixture of administrative law and litigation. I spend spare time playing tennis and visited Hilton Head for the first time last year. Now, that's paradise! I am learning how to Rollerblade, and I think I've progressed to the dangerous beginner stage — that means I love to pick up speed but haven't mastered the art of stopping.

Barbara O'Brien, Cindy Snyder, Jackie Sobinski and I hope to see you at our 20th reunion on June 2. While we each have gone our separate ways, many of us now have in common our devotion to raising families, pursuing careers and working to improve our communities. Please come not only to see old friends, but also to make new ones.

1977

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From Mary:

Hello, everyone. Here is news gathered from the October questionnaire.

Melinda Peed May visited with **Kathleen Haffey Bova** and husband Christopher in their lovely home in Springfield, Va. She writes that Kathy's daughter, Eileen, is a beautiful child. Melinda's sister, **Rebecca Peed '86**, signed a contract with the Ford Modeling Agency in April 1994 and travels all over the world. She has a *Cosmopolitan* cover to her credit. **Margaret Nichols Jeffries** has completed her 10th year as a general pediatrician in Warrenton, Va. Son Jeremy, 6, loves kindergarten.

Janet McConnell Phillips and husband Chris had son William on Oct. 20, 1994, and then moved from Washington, D.C.'s DuPont Circle to Falls Church, Va., to have room for all the baby gear. She returned to her job in the White House photo office last spring. In touch with Janet is **Mary Hay Glass**, a librarian for the American College of Obstetricians

& Gynecologists in Washington, D.C., who is very active in the Special Libraries Association. **Susie Jordan Lavender** and husband John are renovating their 1840's home in Clifton Forge, Va. Daughter Kathryne Ellen celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 30, 1994. Susie works part time as a cytologist, so she can spend more time with Katie. John is writing a book of "Mountain Recollections and Observations."

Jackie Alby Gardner and husband **Judson '78** sent me a Christmas card of their growing children. Lauren, Bryn and Morgan. Jackie were recuperating from their annual holiday party when they entertain about 200 people. Last summer the family won a trip to Disney World, which Jackie said was awesome. They live in Lynchburg, Va.

Kyle Gooch Williams returned to teaching fifth grade last year in the Virginia Beach public schools. Her sons are in the fifth and seventh grades now. **Faith Lynch Johnson** moved to England last summer for a three-year tour. Her husband and two children have settled into life in Cheltenham, and oldest son, Billy, is attending "Reception," English kindergarten. In Chester, Va., **Debbie Leetch Harrison** enjoys being a full-time housewife and mother with three daughters: Julie, 13, Wendy, 10, and Abigail, 6.

Maria Diaz, selected as chief of nutrition support services at her hospital, completed advanced training as a flight surgeon with the Maryland Air National Guard. **Nancy Leggett McGee** and family enjoy living in Italy. She has traveled extensively in Europe and took sons Ryan and Miles on a ski trip in Germany to celebrate the New Year. She is president of the officers' wives club and has fun meeting Italian artisans and buying ceramics and marble. She wrote that **Kristina Olfson '78** gave birth to Haleigh Clark Wayman in April 1993. She and her family reside in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Beverley Wilson Carter and husband Bill live with four cats and dog Buddy in the beautiful home they built in 1991. They went backpacking in Klamath National Forest in August 1994 when all the fires were breaking out in Northern California. Despite hazy views, they had a great time. She visited MWC in June 1994 and found time to recall many MWC memories.

Robyn Hart Schroth, part-time assistant professor of dance at Shenandoah University, teaches ballet to children in Shenandoah's community arts program. She started an area chapter of the National League of Junior Cotillions, a social dance and etiquette program for sixth through ninth-graders, with which husband John assists. Daughters Anne Walker and Kassie are now 9 and 5. She takes a class now and then from Kathy Harty Gray, former MWC dance professor now teaching in Washington, D.C. Robyn stays in touch with **Susie Harrison Bacon**, who also lives in D.C.

Craig "Skippy" Strickland Robinson, who lives outside Memphis, Tenn., is very busy raising children Chad, 10, Courtney, 8, and Kelsey, 3.

Sharin Kathleen Stackhouse Thomas has settled in a new home after moving to Colorado Springs in March 1994. She and husband Bruce, a systems engineer with LORAL Federal Systems, have two sons, Ben and Daniel. **Laura Stapleton** and Geoffrey

Baker were married Dec. 10, 1992, and live in Wayne, Pa. Laura manages corporate safety and health programs for Elf Atochem North American, while Geoff, retired from the Royal Navy, is concentrating on building their fast growing home-based business.

Kathleen Baldwin Geary is active as a PTSA volunteer in her children's schools, chairman of the Parent-to-Parent Committee, and band-booster treasurer. She leads her daughter's Cadette Girl Scout troop and volunteers at Bright Beginnings, a Junior League-sponsored preschool for children of homeless families. Husband John is a commander in the Navy and is stationed at Naval Sea Systems Command.

I received a Christmas card from **Pat Seyller**, who resides in Virginia Beach and works for the Virginia Opera Company. After St. Louis, they will tour a world premier opera about Simon Bolivar in South America, summer 1995.

My sister, **Johannah Byrd Harrison '89**, continues to teach fourth grade at Walker-Grant Elementary School in Fredericksburg. She is in her 19th year as manager of the Spotswood Pool and Swim Team.

I do research and proof scripts for CBS's medical drama, "Chicago Hope." I also write screenplays and short stories. You may write to me anytime during the year to be included in Class Notes.

1979

Sallie Smith Hutcheson
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Alexandria, VA 22308

Susan Burns Malcom
2753 Copper Creek Road
Herndon, VA 22071

B. Jean Weller
2570 Log Cabin Road
Maidens, VA 23102

From Sallie:

I received a note from **Jeanine Hewitt Groundwater**. She and husband Jay live in Roswell, Ga., with their 2½-year-old daughter. Jeanine says that Catherine is heavily into art and enjoys coloring anytime, anywhere and, if not being watched, on anything.

Barbara Goliash Emerson writes that after taking a year off to spend time with her son, she has returned to work as a budget analyst with Fairfax County's Office of Management and Budget. Between work and 3-year-old Dougie, she says she has no spare time. I suspect she still finds time to wrap up in a sheet, toga-style, maybe while doing the laundry, and sing "Stop, In the Name of Love."

Two other grads, **Martha Newcombe '83** and **Fatima Allibhai '80**, work in the same department. Martha coordinates many of the budget processes as a senior analyst, and Fatima works in the area of demographics. Fatima has a son, Komail, 7, who keeps her busy. Another grad who works for Fairfax County is **Laurie Shertzer '90**, who is a management analyst with the Fire and Rescue Department and just completed her M.B.A. through Virginia Tech. She bought a townhouse in Fairfax in 1993.

Nena Lee Kobayashi lives near me in Alexandria, which we discovered when our sons were in the same preschool class. Now

they are both in the first grade. Nena and husband Forrest also have a younger son, who is 3½.

Cathy Beach Barrett lives in Alexandria. We see each other periodically at the pediatrician's office. Cathy and husband Glen, a golf pro at Glenn Dale Country Club in Maryland, have three children, ages 7, 5 and 1½, and are expecting another addition.

I'm looking forward to my stint as class agent, so please drop me a line. For those of you in Northern Virginia, my phone number is (703)765-6254.

From Jean:

I become one of the new class agents and what happens? I get fewer Christmas cards from old MWC friends than I usually do! At this rate, I'm going to become paranoid. I heard from **Mary McWhirt Murphy**, since we keep in touch fairly often throughout the year. She's in the midst of her 15th year as a teacher, and Katelyn is in third grade already! Mary also has become quite an authority on inclusion (including students with disabilities in regular classes) and has attended several conferences on the topic.

I also heard from **Barbara Stone Mait**, whose son, Alex, is 3. She has no spare time either, but has managed to devote herself to a worthy cause — she's chair of the board for the Memorial Child Care Guidance Clinic in Richmond.

I've been trying to figure out how people get sleep when they have two or more children. Emily's 3½ and Anna's 1½, and between the two of them, I'm constantly running, singing, cleaning, laughing — well, you know! The Central Virginia's Free-Net is also finally up and running, and I encourage anyone who has e-mail access to drop me a line at jweller@freenet.vcu.edu (especially now that stamps have gone up!). It was a lot of work but well worth it judging from the community response. One of the best parts is that I can visit MWC anytime I want. We point to the MWC gopher, and you really don't want to miss out on "Ernie's Attic!"

1981

Mark Ingrao
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Alexandria, VA 22310

Lori Foster Turley
744 I Ave.
Coronado, CA 92118

From Mark:

I appreciate all the cards and letters about you and your families, and I invite the rest of you who haven't written to drop us a line.

My old suitemate and housemate, **Mark Madigan**, is currently living in St. Neats, England. He has taken a position with the DIA, working at the local Royal Air Force base. Mark is still writing and publishing; in fact, he is expecting his poem "Sidney" to be published sometime this year in *The American Scholar*. Mark has completed two master's degrees, one in English and one in liberal studies. Do not be surprised to see Mark publish a novel sometime after his stint in England.

In November, I received a letter from **Pamela Hannaman Pittman**, who currently resides in Ashland, Va., with husband Marion

Blair. After graduation she continued her schooling at VCU and earned a master's degree in biochemistry in 1984. From 1985-1990, Pamela worked as a clinical drug-study administrator for the A.H. Robins Company until she and hundreds of her fellow employees were terminated as a result of the Dalkon Shield related Chapter 11 bankruptcy. During that time, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor, and her treatment options did not look very promising. That is when she began to study and undergo holistic treatments. After a year, she was found to be free of the tumor, which is still her status today. Pamela now works as a buyer and manager for Ellwood Thompson's natural markets products. This year she plans on attending Bastyr College of Naturopathic Medicine in Washington state. Pamela attended the wedding of another classmate, **Missy Mongelli**, in 1991. Missy currently resides in Dallas, Texas, with her husband and son. She is employed as a packaging buyer and specialist for Frito-Lay. A few years ago, Pamela also saw **Carol Slater**, who was living in North Carolina with her husband, David Lee Ellisor, and working as a flight attendant for USAir.

I also received a letter from **Cindy Williamson**, who lives in Oakton, Va., and just celebrated her 10-year anniversary with Gannett/USA Today, where she works as a newsprint manager. Cindy remains very active through work, travel and company-sponsored events such as volleyball and golf. She has seen the country, vacationing in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Orlando and Hilton Head. She stays in contact with **Kathy Barlow Eierman**, who resides in Atlanta with her husband and three girls.

I received a card from **Eddy Gallahan**, who currently lives in Herndon, Va., with his lovely wife of nine years, Joan, and his 4-year-old son, Sean, and 20-month-old son, Brett. Eddy works for Sprint International as manager of international desktop integration. He is a certified network engineer and also runs a computer consulting company on the side. Eddy regularly sees **Tom Valente**, **Tom Simpson** and **Susan Fitzgerald**, and he gets together annually with **Chandler Howell** and **Mike Bailey**.

Dita Zapata Hutchinson dropped me a Christmas card from Washington, D.C., where she and husband Rob reside. For the first five years after graduation, Dita worked on Wall Street, and then relocated to Chicago, where she completed her M.B.A. at the U. of Chicago. After business school, Dita joined a commercial real estate firm, working as a portfolio manager for the next five years. She then shifted from the private sector to philanthropy and currently works for the Nature Conservancy as director of conservation finance for South America in Washington, D.C. Dita's job requires travel, and from the way she describes the destinations, she enjoys it.

I received a card from **Sandy Wise Conran**, who with her husband, Tom, and 9-month-old son, Chuck, live in their dream house in Fairfax, Va. After graduating, Sandy went to the Medical College of Virginia and received a degree in physical therapy. She is currently working on a master's degree in physical therapy. Sandy and Tom were mar-

ried in December '89. Tom is a graduate of Cornell University and works as an engineer with the Navy Department. Sandy has maintained contact with her former suitemate, **Anne Hanky Egli**, who lives in North Carolina. Her husband, Dave, is in the Coast Guard. From Lori:

My mailbox was filled with holidays cards, letters and pictures from many of you. I wish I could share some of the great photos, but the news will have to do.

Stephanie Amato Scheff, teaches kindergarten in Spotsylvania County, lives in Fredericksburg with husband Bill and two children, Todd, 9, and Lindsay, 6. Stephanie saw **Sally Doyle Miller** and her two children last fall. Sally has moved to Morgantown, W.Va. Stephanie reported that **Nancy Skinner Woodhouse** returned to Virginia Beach, and that **Lisbeth Drake Deutsch** bought a house in Hiram, Ga.

Donna Farmer Roberts, husband Don and son Kyle are living in Monterey, Calif., where Don is attending the Naval Postgraduate School. Donna is also in graduate school and will have earned her M.A. from Chapman University by May 1995. She is looking forward to teaching elementary school next year when they, hopefully, transfer back East.

Vicki Reynard Thorne and husband Kevin, who live in San Jose, Calif., had their fourth child, Erik, in February! Between soccer, football, dance, tennis, hockey and school, Drew, Vivi and Alex keep their parents pretty busy. Somehow, Kevin and Vicki manage to fit in work, too. Kevin is in a new position at Loral, and Vicki is putting her art talents to good use with a small stationery business, creating cards and invitations.

Ellen Stanley has been busy traveling between D.C. and Los Angeles. The PBS series she's been working on moved to NBC in January, which required that she go to L.A. about every six weeks in '94. She saw Steve Martin on one trip, lunching at the next table!

Lisa Upton Smith became a homeowner in September when she bought a house in Richmond. She's been busy getting settled while nursing daughter Morgan, 7, back to health after Morgan fell and broke her nose.

Karen Snyder Boff wrote with lots of news. Her second daughter, Maria, was born in February '94. Molly, 3, has adjusted well to having a baby sister. Karen is still working part time at Westinghouse in Maryland, where husband Jamie recently received a promotion to fellow engineer. As of late November,

Wendy Brown was about ready to move into the new house that she built at Lake Anna.

Denise Brown Johnson is no longer working at NSWC Dahlgren; she's selling pottery and baskets at home shows. Karen heard from **Katie Kulp Jones** that **Annie Dufault Anderson** had her third son and is doing well, living in Morgantown, W.Va.

Elisa Devorshak Harvey and husband Brian had their second son, Alex, in October. Son Duncan, 3, is an exemplary big brother. Elisa is enjoying her work with seven other veterinarians, and Brian is in his third and final year of fellowship training at Johns Hopkins. They anticipate a move from Ellicott City, Md., possibly to New England, after Brian finishes his program.

Patty Churchill Shippee and family have relocated from the Chicago area to Dunkirk, Md. Mike is flying part time for the Navy Reserves at Andrews Air Force Base, while applying for pilot jobs with the airlines. Their three children, Conor, Stuart and Clare, keep them busy.

Bobbie Dwyer Leon, husband Jay and their three children are still in Ellicott City, Md. Jay works at Westinghouse. Bobbie volunteers at the kids' schools and teaches daughter Megan's religion class. Megan is a second-grader who enjoys Brownies, dance and soccer. Michael is in kindergarten, but has participated in gymnastics, and karate during the past year. Chris is a toddler, who's just trying to keep up with his siblings!

Valerie Smith Koenig wrote from Hawaii with news of her activities since graduation. She traveled for five years after college, spending two years in Japan as a language specialist, one year in Morocco as a business researcher, and two years in Switzerland as a speech writer at the Indonesian Mission to the U.N. She then returned to D.C., where she worked at the USIA as a program officer, and at the Australian Embassy as a research officer. After feeling completely dejected by career opportunities for a history major, she went back to school and, in 1991, earned a master's in international management from the American Graduate School of International Management. After a year working as a management consultant for a CPA firm, she is now happy to be working as director of marketing for a law firm in Honolulu.

Julie Saracco Murphy and husband Dennis welcomed their second child, Meredith Paige, late last spring. Their son, Matthew, is in second grade, and is very busy with soccer and Cub Scouts, where he has achieved the rank of Bobcat. The Murphys are living in Hawaii, where Dennis is the executive officer of a submarine. They hope to return to the D.C. area this summer.

Susan Dishman Boyd, husband John and their family have had major changes in their lives since January '94. John left the Navy, got a job with General Chemical, and the family moved to Troy, Ill., a rural town of about 6,000, where they bought a house. Currently, Susan stays at home with their children, Michele and Michael.

Catherine Miller Canty '82 sent pictures of her two adorable sons, John, 5, and Christopher, 1. In August, Catherine resigned from the Commonwealth of Virginia and now stays home with the boys.

Carin Carr Fernandez '80 is living in Tampa, Fla., and working on a master's in education. Husband Jack is a federal prosecutor. Their three children are all doing well. Daughter Marina, 14, is on the high school cross country and track teams; son "Moose," a seventh-grader, recently won fifth place in the county math competition; daughter Abbey, 8, is a third-grader who loves school!

Martha Williams Locke '80 and husband John had a daughter, Shelby, in late June 1994. Son John "Beau" is handling the new addition well. Martha is still working with Coleman Research and living in Springfield, Va., but spends as much time as possible on their sailboat in Annapolis. **Jeanie Beazley Gilbert** '80, husband Chuck, and daughters

Laura and Melanie live in Virginia Beach. Chuck is a pilot for Delta Airlines.

Last June I got a call from my old roommate, **Margaret Argo Page '82**. She and husband John, an Army officer, had their first baby last May. They live in Alexandria, and Margaret is working at the U.S. Patent Office in D.C. In November, I ran into Margaret's sister, **Maureen Argo Marks '75**, at a reception for San Diego area alumni. Maureen, her husband and their five children live in El Cajon, Calif.

Lots of things have been going on in my life in the last year. In June 1994, I had a baby boy, Brian. When he was 5 weeks old, he and I moved to San Diego; my husband wasn't transferred out here until around Thanksgiving. I started my new assignment in August: I'm the officer in charge of an organization responsible for the pay, personnel records and official travel of all Navy personnel at Naval Air Station North Island. In January, my husband, Craig, became the commanding officer of *USS Harry W. Hill*, a ship here in San Diego. We're really enjoying parenthood, our jobs and living in Coronado.

Thanks to all of you who wrote!

1983

Marcia Guida James
2005 Long Knife Court
Louisville, KY 40207

Jacqueline Lane Rice
9501 Mesquite Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

From Marcia:

I have heard from many of you, so I'll get right to it. **Theresa Min Lee** was expecting another son in May '95. Her son, Anthony, is almost 3. **Jeff Carter** and wife **Joanne Brenton '84** welcomed their second child, Colton Josiah, in September '94. Colton joins sister Skye, who is 2½. Jeff is still working at the National Archives, where he's been for nine years, and recently became president-elect of the Archives Assembly. Joanne is now a full-time mom and writes that they also have a 70-lb. labrador named Baboo.

Pat Garnett Brooks' son, Stephen, is a senior in high school and plans to attend VPI. Pat is still practicing law in Philadelphia and would be interested in hearing from old commuting-student friends. **Muffin Williamson Wilson** is loving Atlanta and visited with **Sharon Robertson Williamson** and her baby, Shelby, during a summer visit in Virginia.

Estie Corey Thomas and husband Michael had some new additions to their household, namely a labrador retriever and a son, Clay Beaugard. The renovation of their 1780 home continues.

Susie Leavitt clued me in on her numerous activities. She's still an interest rate swap trader on Wall Street and has traveled to Zimbabwe as a volunteer on an Earthwatch project. For those of you who don't know, Earthwatch's mission is to improve our understanding of the planet and its inhabitants. Susie worked with 10 women from around the world on a maternal health project, teaching subsistence farming to people who had nothing. In November, **Karrie Nelson Ferguson** and family stayed with her while

Karrie ran the marathon. Susan keeps in touch with Estie. **Susan Jones Hollister** and **Sara Lake. Lisa Harris Coleman** is busy mom to daughter Kate Michelle, now 7 months old. Lisa's former roommate, **Kathy Walters Along**, has a daughter, Gina Cecilia, 1.

Please note my new address. Last year brought so many changes for me. We had our third baby, I underwent major surgery, and Tom and I pulled up stakes from Virginia Beach in November and moved to his hometown of Louisville. He's the medical director for Acordia of Louisville and handles a 150,000-member managed care HMO. At least now he's not doing much traveling. I really love it here, but miss the rest of my family and the beach. Please continue to update me on your activities.

From Jackie:

I'm lucky to run into some of you or to get my news through the grapevine, otherwise I would have nothing to report! It seems that we are in a baby boom. My husband, Rich, and I are expecting our second child in April 1995.

Kim Stephenson Reiley and **Barney '82** were expecting their third child in March 1995. We see them fairly often since Barney and Rich are cousins. Barney is still working at the Fredericksburg YMCA, and Kim is teaching middle-school science.

Belated congratulations go to Joe and **Margaret Bell Synan** on the birth of their daughter, Meghan Elizabeth, in December 1993. Meg is working part time at Signet Bank as a customer service representative while getting her paralegal certificate. She hopes eventually to move into legal assistant position. Meg's husband has a thriving law practice. Jim and **Terri Sullivan Walsh** had a boy, Kyle, in August 1994. Jed and **Martha Weber Jaffe** also had a boy, Dylan, in November '94.

I ran into **Sharon Borkey Parsons** while Christmas shopping. She recently left work at Signet Bank to stay home with her two children. She is planning on getting together with **Kiki Connerton Smith**, who is moving to Virginia, and **Patty Foley Mathena**. I also ran into **Nancy McKnown Staples '84** at church. She and her husband just had their second child. She moved to Richmond after teaching in Spotsylvania for several years. I haven't seen these people since college, and it was great to catch up.

1985

Sherrill Beth Odell
7500 Fisher Drive
Falls Church, VA 22043

1987

Nancy Burns Rittmiller
331 Kendig Drive
Owings Mills, MD 21117

It's a small world after all. Two classmates have crossed paths again — in England. **Rebecca Clapp** and **Christine Connell Sterbinsky**, both employed by the DOD, are currently assigned to the Joint Analysis Center in Molesworth, UK. Christine, who had been at Molesworth since July '92, received a welcome surprise in June '93 when Becky arrived. They creatively plan their schedules to allow

plenty of unofficial travel. A couple of other '87 grads have taken advantage of their classmates' English hospitality. **Stacey Werling** visited Christine in September '93, and **Laura Shaw** paid a visit to Becky in September '94.

Margo Crews Underwood graduated from VCU with a master's in education and is currently seeking employment as a high school teacher. She has also been busy raising Currie, 5, and Cole, 3.

Cheryl Sharman married Randall Hughes in 1990 and currently lives in Fredericksburg. They have a daughter, Megan Renee, born in 1993. Cheryl is working at Rappahannock Electric Cooperative while finishing an associate degree in accounting at Germanna Community College.

Lisa Perdue Anderson gave birth to a son in February '94 and is busy teaching. She saw **Marty Vermillion Spence**, who has a 4-year-old daughter, and delivered her second in December '94. **Julie West**, who is working for Naval Intelligence in Va. Beach, also visited Lisa.

Melanie Brown Munster celebrated her first wedding anniversary in May. She and her husband live in Richmond, Va. **Jennifer Lee Parish** is working at the Fredericksburg law firm of Roberts, Sokol, Ashby and Jones and recently made partner. She visited with **Janette Breen** in Lanconia, N.H., and has seen **Ann Morton** of Orange, Va., who works at the Orange County School Board.

As for me, I'm busy raising Conner, 4, and my 1-year-old twins, Peter and Molly. I keep in touch with **Teresa Ambrosino Regina**, who lives with her husband, Bobby, on Long Island and works for Estee Lauder in N.Y.C. **Beth Croll Belknap** is raising Amanda, 4, and Allyson, 1, and working as an accountant for Chemetals. She currently resides in Eldersburg, Md.

From Jane Ellen Brennan Herrin:

My roommate of three years, **Pam Emerson Bunting**, lives with her husband, David, and three-year-old daughter, Kendall, in Gloucester, Va. Pam has been teaching kindergarten at New Kent Primary School since 1988. My roommate of two years, **Laura Reed Link**, lives with her husband, Andy, in Copper Hill, Va. She is a microbiologist at the Veterinary Hospital at Virginia Tech.

My suitemate of two years, Dr. **Angela Goforth Harrow**, had a baby, William Blake Harrow II, in October 1994. Rumor has it that Will had so much black hair he was called Baby Elvis. Angela was so proud. She, husband Joe and Will live in Williamsburg, Va. Joe has gone into the family business, Middle Peninsula Insurance. Angela is a pharmacist at Williamsburg Community Hospital.

My other suitemate of two years, **Tracy Ryan**, lives in River Vale, N.J. She is one of the few who lucked into a great job just after graduation and is a senior scientist in the personal products lab at Lehn and Fink, the makers of perms, styling products, Love My Carpet and Lysol. When you think fresh, clean scent, think Tracy Ryan.

Cindy Ruark married Tom Wernicke. They live in Northern Virginia. **Lisa Proffitt Marion** lives with husband Steve in Fredericksburg. She works for Exposaic Industries and sells Mary Kay Cosmetics. She doesn't have a pink car yet, but she's working on it.

They have two sons, Andrew and Derek.

Gae Mastin Noble lives in Colorado with husband Zac and 3-year-old Leslie. They are expecting another Noble in July 1995. **Joyce Moller** lives in Quito, Ecuador, where she works for the Foreign Service. She has a daughter, Robbie Jill, and a son, Zac.

The main event of 1994 was the October wedding of **Jean "Booga" Barbagallo** and Joe Mancuso. Yes, they did dance to "Jole Blon." They got married at St. Mary's in Fredericksburg, and had a fabulous honeymoon in Arizona. Jean even sent postcards! Jean is working for the Office of Personnel Management, and Joe is running a business called Maple Leaf Rain Gutters. They own a house in Lorton.

Also at the Barbagallo/Mancuso wedding was **Jay Bradshaw** '88. Even though he looks like a politician, he is actually a pilot. He got married in January 1995. Jean's former roommate, **Tammy Mesick**, and her husband, **Kevin Roop**, were there to help organize. Tammy is an interior designer, and Kevin is an eccentric millionaire. They live in Warrenton, Va., with their labradors. **Carol Harlow Anderson**, now a biologist, was there with her husband, John, who is a helicopter pilot. They live in Northern Virginia.

Jean's former roommate, **Tracey Robinson**, (she was at MWC two years and graduated from GMU) was there, too. She works for the government and lives in Herndon. Tracey's suitemate, **Sherri Sacks Martin**, and her husband, Tim, came from Beacon Falls, Conn. They were married May 29, 1994. They have one furry offspring named Louie — a feline that weighs in at 12 pounds, and he's still growing. Sherri is thrilled to have passed the bar and is ready for action. She is currently working a very tedious job as a tax accountant at Shawmut Bank in Hartford. Tim is the assistant director of alumni relations at Fairfield University.

Also in attendance at the Martin wedding was **Janet Warner**, former R.A. at the German house, who runs a furniture company in Richmond. **Beth Whatley** witnessed the nuptials. She works for the government in Norfolk. Her roommate, **Stephanie Jurek Jennison**, and husband Stuart were there. She's an accountant, and they live in Reston with their two children, Amanda, 5, and Lauren, 2. **Wendy Delpercio Baker** and her husband, Kevin, a postman, are living in Reston with their two children.

Kemetia Foley, of the naturally red and curly hair, works at PRC in Ballston as an administrative coordinator and lives in Falls Church, Va. She's a boss now, and is the proud owner of a brand new Geo Prizm. For those of you who are wondering, **Channing Williams** '86 — yes, they're divorced — has moved to New Orleans.

Chris Bonner '89 spent two brilliant years at MTV. He was recently wooed away to VH-1 where he gets paid for doing cool things, like getting his ear pierced on nationwide television. He lives in New York City, and his genius knows no bounds.

Chris and Jennie Aultman Marron have relocated to Columbia, Md. Chris got his doctorate in mathematics at U.Va. in January 1994 and works for the Department of Defense. As a result, his saxophone playing

has slacked off. Jennie is in the accelerated nursing program at Johns Hopkins University. She expected to graduate in July 1995. They have two children, Monica, 5, and Tim, 2.

Hugh McAloon '90 lives in Frederick, Md., and actually uses his degree. He works in historic preservation for R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates. He's shopping graduate schools now. His former roommate, **Ken Lynch** '90, was last found studying economics in Colorado.

Paul Hendricks '89 is an office manager in Richmond and coaches a girls' soccer team. He got married in 1992, and his wife's name is Julie. **Phil Hall** '89 is working in Dahlgren, and still living in "Fred Vegas." **Eve Paramore Seymour** is in her eighth year teaching kindergarten at Criglersville Elementary in Madison County. Her husband, Rick, works at Central Virginia Rental. They live in Culpeper with his 15-year-old son, Chris, his 10-year-old son, Keith, and their toddler, Joshua Adam, born May 1, 1993.

Mike Tringale '89 now lives in a lovely home in Arlington, Va. He is the marketing manager for Kershner and Company, an advertising agency in Old Towne Alexandria. Mike's brother, **Mark** '89, is the director of marketing at Data Base, and is indirectly responsible for the grunge movement in Seattle, where he lives with wife Amy. They were married in September 1994.

Beth Garrison Racer and husband Kevin had a son, Drew, in March 1993. Beth teaches kindergarten at Madison Primary School in Madison County.

Bonnie Lehem '89 is better known as Katie on K95's morning show (WKHK), the number one country station in Richmond. She's a homeowner and has done all sorts of commercial work, informercials, hand modeling, etc. She's working on a nationwide project in which she is the host of a talk show. I am thrilled to say I am also contributing to the program.

I've been in Tennessee three years and was married October 16, 1993. As of January 1994, my husband, Jim, and I both work at WGSQ, the Country Giant 94.7FM. We live an hour away from Nashville and own a house in the country. Yes, we still have those same two dogs and polydactyl cat. Jim is the news director at the Giant and teaches broadcast journalism at his alma mater, Tennessee Technological University. I have an air shift, along with my duties as assistant music director and promotions. I deal with the record companies and the artists, so we have quite a CD collection. I also do voice work for radio, television and on-hold services. Next time you hear a voice saying, "Thank you for holding, someone will be with you shortly," it could be me.

1989

Joseph W. Rejuney II
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Thank you to everyone who responded to my letter soliciting news. The responses were so overwhelming, I have opened a p.o. box just for class notes!

Susan McKnight started working at NSWCCD as a computer scientist following

graduation. Since then she has changed her career focus from quality assurance to software engineering. She met Greg Sprow in 1992, and they were married in October of 1993. **Mary Ellen Miller** married **Mike Bardzell** one week after graduation. They are living in Blacksburg, Va., where Mike is working on his Ph.D. in math at Virginia Tech and is scheduled to finish in spring of 1996. Mary Ellen is the transcript supervisor in the registrar's office at Tech. They have a 4-year-old son named Benjamin.

In May 1995, **Darlene Briley Chase** will have been married for five "wonderful years." She is living in Arlington, and is working for the Defense Information Systems Agency. She sends news of other classmates: In July, **Cindy Barnes**, who is working for Martin Marietta, is marrying a "handsome and wonderful" guy named Andy. **Barbara Penkava** is working for the Department of the Navy in Crystal City and is dating a "great guy" named Glenn. **John McAllister** finished design school and is selling his own jewelry and accessories while working.

Kathy Hill Smith is working as a customer training instructor for Sun Microsystems, a leading manufacturer of computer hardware and software. She and her husband recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary and are living in Poquoson, Va. Kathy can be seen at Hampton Roads Admirals' hockey games with **Tamara Hurlock**.

Andrea Stolz and her husband of five years, John, live in Williamsburg, Va. Andrea is doing editing and graphic design work for a small research company in Williamsburg. She and John will be moving back to Sarasota Springs, N.Y., this summer. Andrea reports that **Beth Johnston** and **Brad McDonald** '90 are married and living in Williamsburg. They had a daughter, Caroline Rose, on December 27. Beth works in hotel sales at Kingsmill Resort. Brad is working for historic Jamestown after obtaining his master's in historic preservation from William and Mary. **Virginia Littlejohn** and husband Richard Brockwell live outside Richmond and were expecting in July. Gin works as a claims manager for Federal Insurance. In November, **Suzi Surina** was married in Fairfax. Those in attendance were **Angie White** and husband Dan Slamin, **Jeff Liebowitz** '91, wife Jenn and daughter Allison, and **Jan Hammock**, who runs an employment agency in Charlottesville.

The last I heard, **Deborah Hyland** was working on her Ph.D. in English somewhere in the Midwest. **Holley Thames** graduated from the U. of Mississippi School of Law this past May. Five days after graduation she married Warren Lutz in her hometown of Vicksburg, Miss. They live in Alexandria, Va., and Holley practices law at Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P. in the health industry section. She is a member of the Virginia bar and hopes to soon become a member of the D.C. bar.

Holly Isaacson is still living in Breckenridge, Colo., and is working for Antarctic Science Support Group. **Chris Richmond** also lives in Breckenridge. He works in the ski/tourist industry and competes in Tae Kwon Do tournaments. **Jannan Holmes** worked at Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center

for three and a half years and is now in her final year of the master's program in social work at VCU.

Holly Tace Cuellar was married in September 1993 and lives in Lexington, Va. Her husband, Al, is a lieutenant in the Navy and is stationed at VMI as an ROTC instructor. Holly works at Washington and Lee University as an administrative assistant in the Commerce School and does the conference coordinating. She is still active in the Republican Party and worked for Robert McDonnell of the 84th district. Holly reports that **Jean Marie Morrissey** has returned from Namibia, Africa, after an 18-month tour with the World Teach Organization, teaching English and business math. She now works for the Olympic Committee in Atlanta, Ga. **Carolyn Sheehan** is living in Brooklyn and works for Fidelity Securities as a senior securities analyst while working on her master's degree at NYU. **Melissa Grant** is living in South Jersey and works for an environmental firm.

Michelle Linden, living in New Orleans, La., travels the country booking various acts for colleges and universities. She is pursuing her own comedy act and other "entertaining" projects. **Christine Bond**, living in Cape May, N.J., works at the famous Maury's Pier on the beach. She is the comptroller and fiscal manager of the entire amusement park. Christine reports that **Susan Chesbrough** is working for the personnel department at San Diego State University. She and her husband, John Carroll, just purchased a house.

Sandra Joyner lives in Annandale, Va. She and her boyfriend, Eric, work for a defense contractor in Crystal City supporting Navair. She will begin her M.B.A. with a concentration in finance in January at the Virginia Tech extension center. Sandra reports that **Sharon Perry** lives in Richmond with **Sarah Daphne**. Sharon is the marketing representative for Hankins and Anderson, an architectural firm. **Mitzi Kimbal** married Rod Roeser in July 1993 and finished her M.B.A. **Lorena Crocker** married G.B. Critzer in June 1989. They live in Fredericksburg with their daughter, Colby. **Sherry Eller** married Hunter Janney in June 1992, and also live in Fredericksburg. They have a daughter, Olivia.

Jill Stanfield Seal has been blessed with two terrific children: Mathis, 3, and Mallory, born in May 1994. Jill is a Spanish teacher at her high school alma mater and lives across the street from where she was raised. Her sister-in-law, **Beverly Nice Stanfield**, was expecting a baby in January 1995. **Andrea Lemburg** graduated in December 1993 from Old Dominion University with an M.B.A. in international marketing. Since graduation, she has worked for her father's Servicemaster professional cleaning company in sales and marketing. She was preparing for her wedding, which was scheduled for January 28, 1995. She was to marry Franz Wienken, the German farmer she met by accident in Sammy T's five years ago. They will move to Germany soon after the wedding. Andrea recently ran into **Mary Hunter** and **Tim McKissock** '90, who were married in August 1994 in South Carolina, where they now live. He is a lawyer, and Mary has her graduate degree in accounting. They both attended school in Louisiana.

Keith Bauer married **Debbie Schluter** '91 on July 17, 1993 in Stafford, Va. He and Debbie both earned their master's degrees in social work at V.C.U. Keith is currently in his second year of a Ph.D. program at the U. of Pittsburgh, where he teaches an introductory philosophy class. Debbie is a licensed social worker and a full-time psychotherapist at a community mental health center. **Brenda Nix** married Stephen Foglio, a Marine Corps officer, in April 1993. They will be living in Okinawa, Japan, until May 1996. She is the merchandising and promotions manager for the Marine Corps Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division in Okinawa. She plans to start her master's degree when she gets back to the states. Brenda reports that **Gretchen Tribel** is working in San Marcos, Calif., as a high school math teacher. She is engaged to a teacher, with whom she works. **Mel Grant** recently purchased a home in New Jersey. She works in her field but never explains exactly what she does!

After graduation **Amy Swink** became a management trainee with JB Robinson Jewelers. She married Justin "Chip" Poe in June 1990. She became an assistant manager of Friedlanders Jewelers in March 1992. On June 18, 1993, her son, Justin Michael, was born. In November 1994 she became a permanent employee of the National Milk Producers Federation, where she is the project coordinator. She reports that **Sheri Meltzer**, who earned her Ph.D. in psychology at Loyola University, is a psychologist in Richmond.

Kevin Gedney works at the Tyson's Corner Circuit City as sales manager. He and his fiancée, Michelle Gladstone, are thinking about moving to Atlanta. They planned to marry May 6, 1995, in Centreville, Va. In October, **Pat McAleer** married Molly Conlin (sister of **Kellie Conlin** '86). Pat is with Southwestern Bell Corporation, and Molly teaches high school English. They spend their weekends fixing up their "old" new house in Fredericksburg. **Gracie Baiardo** taught kindergarten for two years, then first grade for one year, and has been a second-grade teacher for the past two years for the Manassas City School system. **Bibiana Faudale** lives in Fairfax and is a training specialist with EDS in Herndon. She travels to military medical sites, teaching a blood-banking system for military personnel. She will be in Korea for the first quarter of 1995, working with a joint-venture project between EDS and Lucky Goldstar of Korea, designing a curriculum for their human resource processes. Bibiana reports that **Jennifer Haber** lives in Vienna, Va., and is engaged to be married to Sena Seerey in October 1995. She works as an outpatient coordinator at Charter at Potomac Ridge Treatment Center, a psychiatric hospital in Maryland.

In September 1993, **Dawn Odom Morris** accepted employment with Henrico County, Va., as a systems and procedures analyst in the Office of Management and Budget. She was the accountant for the Chesterfield Health Department. Dawn and her husband moved to Aylett, Va., much closer to the Mattaponi River, where they enjoy boating and water skiing. Dawn reports on classmate **Susan Brandt**, who is living in Richmond and working at Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospital.

She will complete her master's in education at VCU by July 1995. **Maria Schaub** is studying veterinary medicine at Purdue University.

Ann Mather went to work for Crestar Mortgage Corporation in Richmond after graduation. She married David Gentile, U.S. Naval Academy '88, in September 1990. They lived in Virginia Beach, Va., where she worked as an administrative assistant. Their first child, Laura Ann, was born in November 1991, and their second child, Joseph Vincent, in October 1994. After her husband left the Navy, they moved to Middleton, N.Y., where Ann worked as an aerobics instructor and a preschool teacher with the YMCA. Ann and David now live in Winston-Salem, N.C., where David works for a tobacco company. **Denise Scho-mody** has been married for three years and is living with her husband, Pete Czaja, at the base of Vermont's tallest mountain. She works as a housing inspector for the city of Burlington. She is doing some voice-overs and engineering a morning show for a local talk radio station. **Jeff Coron** married **Kristin Livingston** '88 in May 1990. They live in Fredericksburg and were expecting their first child in March 1995. Jeff is an environmental geologist/consultant with Environmental Restoration Company. Kristin is a marketing specialist for First Nations Arts, a Native American non-profit organization.

Lisa Burnett has been married for two years to Tom Messner, whom she met at grad school at Virginia Tech. They live in Charlotte, N.C., where Lisa works in testing and quality assurance for Broadway & Seymour, a systems consulting company. **Monica Stroik** taught art for second through eighth grade at a private school in Manassas, Va. This past January she started a master's program in art education at the Maryland Institute, College of Art, in Baltimore. She spent a month in Italy two years in a row painting beautiful Italian landscapes. **Theresa Miller** was listed in the 1990-91 edition of *Who's Who Among American Educators*. In summer 1993, she was one of 40 teachers in Oklahoma attending the Aerospace Academy at Oklahoma University. In fall 1993 she participated in the pilot program, "Mars City Alpha." In spring 1994 she received the Golden Apple Teaching Award from the Bartlesville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Margaret Turpin and her husband, Scott Bachman, purchased an old Victorian home in Smithfield, Va., and are enjoying fixing it up. Margaret finished her master's at U.Va. in May 1994. She works as a speech-language pathologist for the Children's Center in Franklin, Va. She reports that **Cherie Campbell Patrick** is living in Nellysford, Va., and teaches in Nelson County. She had her first child, Kennan Scott, in November. **Jennifer Madison Smith** lives in Richmond with her husband and three dogs. She is working in a credit division for a bank. **Monica Buendia Tremaglio** '85 lives in Lawtown, Okla., with her husband and son Patrick. **Lupi Roca Crowley**, M.D. moved into a new home with her husband, Ted, in Sterling, Va. **Kimberly Grehawick Giles** works with her husband, Richard, at a brokerage firm in Charlottesville.

Marion White is a graduate student at George Mason working on her master's in education with a certification in secondary

education and an endorsement in English as a second language. She is a substitute teacher for Fairfax County and teaches an adult ESL class. She reports that **Brenda Harris Barkley** was married in early October and works as a contract administrator for Dewberry and Davis in Fairfax. She lives with her husband, Chris, in Centreville, Va. **Lisa Barley** was promoted by Xerox to be a project manager in their training and development division. She is planning a September 1995 wedding to Rodney Collins. **Linda Graybeal Hurt** lives with her husband, Dexter, and their two children, Kendra and Ryan, in Moneta, Va. **Dena Hawkins Garcia** lives in Manassas with her husband, Jose, and their daughter, Lauren. Dena works for an accounting firm in Reston, Va.

Carla Goff Robertson was married to husband Rusty in September after graduation. She stays at home with their two children, Ryan and Anna. They live in Midlothian, Va., and run their own company, R&A Construction. Carla reports **Clare Novak** and **Susan Godfrey** are still single, living together in Arlington, and can be found Sunday nights at Strangeways. Clare, a program assistant with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is attending U.Va. for her master's in planning. Susan works for Technical Aid Corporation as an account representative. **Andrea Adkisson** and **Diane Dow** bought a house in Fairfax. Andrea is working with First Virginia Bank. **Tina Zimmerman** lives in Maryland and works for the government. She was in Bucharest for three months and returned home in December. **Kurt Dorn**, living in Abington, Pa., is a volunteer fireman for Abington County. **Kris Glasson** is living in Barrington, Ill., and works for a loan company. **Dottie Fraiser** married Dr. Michael Cunningham and is living in Gainesville, Fla. She is staying home with their daughter, Ceirra, born in July 1994. **Mary Ogden** is living outside Atlanta, Ga.

Cheryl Danielson lives in Patuxent River, Md., with her husband, Jeff. She is a substitute teacher with the county school system. She and Jeff recently moved into a house on base with an excellent view of the Chesapeake Bay. They celebrated their five-year anniversary by jetting off to the Caribbean Island of Antigua. After the trip, they spent a week in England. Cheryl reported on several classmates. **Debbie Riddle Sivertson** and her husband, Tim, bought a house and expect their first child in October. **Dawn Riddle** is doing fine, according to her sister. **Heather Rouse Maillet**, the mother of a very inquisitive 4-year-old, lives with husband Tom in Southern Connecticut. **B.J. Wall** married Craig in October.

As for me, I still live in Norfolk, Va., and work as the assistant director of admissions for data management at Old Dominion University. After graduation from Mary Washington, I worked on a teacher's certification and a second bachelor's degree in English literature. I taught at my old high school for a few years before going back to Old Dominion for my master's degree in higher education administration. In the meantime, I married a wonderful woman I met at a conference at Clemson University. Michelle and I were married only four months when I lost her in

a car accident shortly after the birth of our son, Joseph. It was a tragic loss, and I slowly got back into life. I continued with my education at the College of William and Mary, graduating with an Ed.S. degree in higher education. I finished the requirements for my Ph.D. in urban education and am conducting postgraduate research for Old Dominion and William and Mary on Greek life (fraternities and sororities have always fascinated me). The research should be published soon, with a possible book coming out within a year. My spare time is spent with my son and my soon-to-be fiancée. I devote time to my fraternity as a faculty adviser and member of the National Board of Directors. I also ice skate regularly and will be in the adult championships at the University of Delaware in April.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to these class notes. If I received your response after press time, it will be in the next issue.

1991

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Billy Germelman and his wife, Olga, have a new bundle of joy named Matthew Edward, and apparently he keeps them busy. They live in northern Stafford County, where Billy is working as a juvenile probation officer. They invite fellow classmates in the area to call or stop by for a visit. One of their recent visitors was **Craig Lovett**, who is in grad school. You will be relieved to know that Westmoreland boys never change: They went go-cart racing, did a little damage, and the race track in Stafford will never be the same!

Michelle Lesko recently married fellow alum **Clay Heath** '93, with **Christina Beall** as her maid of honor. The Heaths are now living in Fredericksburg. Michelle is an engineer in Dahlgren, and Clay is a supervisor at Signet Bankcard.

Soon after graduation, **Vicki Shaw** married her long-time sweetie, Matt Heck. Vicki lived in four states with Matt, who is a Navy jet pilot. Now they are in San Diego, and have a son, James Dalton, who is a real joy.

Dr. **Christy Copper** (yes, that's right), will be official in September with a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Tennessee. Her job prospects include a teaching position at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. Still a tennis freak, she has her U.S. Pro Tennis Association certification, and has been giving lessons during grad school. Christy went to Kansas City, Mo., to visit her buddy, **Kate Bailey**, who now works for the Associated Press and loves it, even though she works long, crazy hours. Christy also stays in touch with her other tennis buddies, **Lisa Wilbanks** '92, who lives in Knoxville, and **Stacey Savage** '92.

Kate's roomie, **Melissa Parmelee**, lives in Alexandria and works as a chemist. **Jennifer Stanley** is getting ready for the big day in March and living out her last single days in Ashland, Va., working for General Electric. Hailey, 19-months-old, keeps **Bettina**

Walton Hundley busy in Tappahannock, but mom somehow finds time to work as a senior case manager. Attending grad school at Johns Hopkins and working as a deputy project manager for Vista is **Matt Ammon**, who married Maria in May '93 and now lives in Odenton, Md.

BJ Gibbons still works for Sears and was transferred to Charleston, S.C., where she met her dream man, Steve Thompson, an Air Force pilot. They married in October in Northern Virginia. Classmate **Kendal Powers** was a bridesmaid. Steve and BJ are finishing their master's degrees in management at Webster University. She writes that she has been back to campus a few times, enjoyed walking around and wishes that our time there had lasted longer. I think all of us get a little misty when we travel through campus and remember all the great times we had.

Susan Gray has been teaching history and government at her old high school in Warsaw, Va., since 1992. In June '94 she married Brent Herring. **Sandi Hubbard** was her maid of honor and **Anne Purdom Brannam** '90 was a bridesmaid. Brent works for the Virginia Transportation Department in Warsaw.

After graduation, **Evan Hart** spent two years in Chile as a missionary, and **Kim Cosgriff** served as a missionary in Los Angeles. They came home in '93, married, now live in Blacksburg and attend Va. Tech grad school.

Jane Painter Powell and husband John have settled in Newport News with 7-month-old Kate, who is a constant source of joy for her parents. Jane had been working as a counselor in a hospital child psychiatric program, but is glad to have lots of time with her daughter. She writes that fellow alum **Christine Hain** married Charles Heimburg and is teaching school in Maine.

Shannon Eadie married **Frank Niemeyer** in July with a slew of MWC '91 grads in their wedding party: **Ben Hurley**, **Dana Scarponi**, **Todd** and **Nicole Spangler** and **Mark Mesterhazy**, who was the best man. Shannon and Frank are living in Woodbridge. **Charlie Gullo** is at U.Va pursuing his doctorate in microbiology and enjoying the scenic Blue Ridge. Fellow alum **Kelli Miller** is also there studying chemistry.

Paula Williams married **Randy Dye** '94 last February, and they live in Sterling. Paula works for Diversified Laboratories, testing for pesticides. Randy is a computer programmer for ATAC. Paula's roomie, **Audrey Cole**, is working on her graduate degree in chemistry at the U. of Maryland, College Park.

Michelle Howe Pearson '92 married Kirk in June, honeymooned in Hong Kong and Hawaii, and moved to Denver, Colo. She writes that she visited MWC in October, took a walk down to Madison Hall, and says those guys are keeping up all of our old antics! Thank goodness some things never change!

News from Michelle about the old Jefferson crowd: **Selina Lewis** married Mark Colburne in May on the Eastern Shore and is working as a social worker; **Beth Watson**, an insurance agent, lives in Chincoteague, Va.; **Susan Payne** married Bill Richardson last December and lives in Falls Church; **Beth Nystrom** works for EOIR Measurements at Ft. Belvoir; **Lisa Williamson** married Jeff Darguay in May and now manages The

Limited at Fair Oaks Mall.

Stephanie Myers and **Mike Michalowicz** '90 tied the knot in Harrisonburg in November, and plenty of MWC grads were in the wedding to celebrate with them: **Karen Troiano**, **Lynne Yankosky Boehmer**, **Karen Clegg**, **Jay Dugger** '90 and me. Stephanie and Mike are in Puerto Rico, where Mike works for BDM Corporation and Steph is an English teacher at Berlitz. They say the island is the best place to escape from the rat race!

I am still in McLean and recently changed jobs. I am now in charge of presentation at Best Products in Fairfax. It's still retail management, but I have finally gotten used to the hours. I have decided that this is my year to travel, so if I show up at your door, don't be surprised! The Class of '91 is scattered everywhere, so I figure I can see all 50 states this way!

Do you have some exciting news to share that I have left out? Give me a call (703)883-9558 or send a letter.

1993

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Jen Hawkins wrote about her job at the National Association of Broadcasters in the government relations department. She commutes from Silver Spring, Md., and finds time to see **Chris Whyte** '94, who lives in Richmond and works for Gov. George Allen.

Courtney Tolman lives in Los Angeles, Calif., and works for a brokerage firm. She enjoys the sun, but is considering returning to the East Coast. **Chris Powell** still works in Lynchburg, while **Deena Rannazzisi** teaches in Fairfax County. She spent most of her summer teaching swimming classes.

Chip Walker '92 and **Melissa Grady** '94 were wed recently. Chip's younger sister, **Kelly Walker** '94, lives in Falls Church and commutes to work in Chevy Chase, Md.

Tara Smith currently works for Dyncorp on a contract for the DEA. She lives in Annandale with three other MWC grads: **Mary Ann McDonald** '91, in relocation and sales at NationsBank; **Nicole Shaffer** '91, a physical therapist in the area; and Nicole's younger sister, **Renee Shaffer** '92, an accountant at Arthur Andersen.

Tracy Sexton is an administrative director at Languages Unlimited Inc., in Columbus, Ohio. The company specializes in interpretation, translation, and English as a second language for international families. **Jen Riordan** is at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute studying for a doctorate in physics. **Karen Berry** works in D.C. for the government, while **Tari Stage** is working in a camp in Alaska for the year. **Whitney Hall** works in London, England, and is engaged to **Brian Donaghy**.

Rebekah Keyes-Pathirana spent five weeks of her summer traveling in Sri Lanka, the home country of her husband, Mahesh. She had fun riding elephants and visiting the famous shrine of Lord Buddha's Tooth. Back in the states, she spent most of her time finishing her paralegal certification in Leesburg, Va. **Jeff Wogan** is commuting from Leesburg to his job in D.C. at the Department of Energy.

Jean Sudlow attends Catholic University

of America in Washington, D.C., where she is studying for her master's degree in library science. Studying from her view of the bay at ODU, **Susan Sherburne** is diligently pursuing her master's in psychology.

One of the most interesting notes I received this year was from former English major and friend, **Janet Marshall**. She's traveled from Vancouver Island, Canada, to San Francisco, Calif. She was joined for part of the adventure by **Stacey Gallardy Howard** '92. After all that traveling, she took a job working for the *Aspen Daily News*, where she loves the excitement and learning experience of reporting for a daily newspaper.

At Christmas I heard from **Denise Mangini Howard**, who lives in San Diego. Both **Barbara Pike** and **Kristen Adler** '94 were bridesmaids in Denise's June wedding. Barbara lives in Florida, and is working on her master's in geography. Her concentration is in meteorology, so we might be seeing her on the weather channel one day. **Emily Cyr** is a production assistant for Channel 19 WUSA, reaching the D.C. metro area.

John Doyle works in Concord, N.H., for Chubb Life America. John is using his Spanish major translating and processing insurance requests. He has plans to return to graduate school to receive a master's degree and teaching certification.

Amy Mumpower lives in Richmond and works for the Republican Party. **John** and **Rob Puterio** and **Becky Perry** are working on teaching degrees and sharing a house in Sterling Park with **Shannon Smith** and **Duane Jeirles** '94. Shannon plans to move back to Ohio to finish dolphin training.

Lindsay Mast, **Steve Lee** '92 and **Ann Lee Dulevitz** share a house in Alexandria. Lindsay still works for TRW, and Steve works at Dahlgren with **Karl Kiebert**. Karl's wife, **Amy Morgen** '92, is working as a nursery school teacher in the Fredericksburg area.

Lynne McMullen still plans events for the community center in James City County government near Williamsburg. She occasionally bumps into **Ngozi "Z" Obi**, who is attending grad school at Hampton University.

Amy Wisnosky, my former roommate, lives in Timonium, Md., works for the government, and spends much of her time rowing with the crew club in Maryland. **Mary Ellen Dunn** '94, our former Willard hallmate, lives in New Jersey and works for a business accounting firm. **Karolyn Hall** '92 works in media relations in Richmond.

Suzy DeHart moved to Sprint International in Reston to work on global telecommunications issues for Western Europe. **Karin Bulova Babbitt** and **Ian** '91 moved to Tacoma, Wash., in October to pursue their careers with the government. **Jenna Stegemann** '94 moved back to New York, but will soon relocate in Pennsylvania to work in the health industry. **Tara Heaney Hinkle** lives in Fort Campbell, Ky., with her husband, Burl, and works for the Goodwill Industries of Tennessee.

As for me, I am still working for the Government Systems Division of Sprint in Herndon. I plan to continue with telecommunications but will move to proposal management. I still hang out with many of the Dewey Beach crowd, including my roommate, **Cheryl**

Smith '90, **Amy Larsen**, **Dan Ratner** '87 and **Wynn Vokes** '87. Amy got a job in Manhattan writing for a magazine for McGraw-Hill, so instead of driving to the beach from Northern Virginia, she will be riding down from New York. The only downside to her move was leaving her faithful dog, Killian, behind.

I would love to hear from you; write or call (703)876-9052 with your news!

IN MEMORIAM

We extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the deceased.

Bessie Herndon Dent '15
Louise Milbourne Clarke '18
Grace Mason Snuggs '19
Evelyn Garnett Johnston '22
Mary Briscoe Butler '23
Myrtle Hollins Isbell '23
Kathleen C. Goodloe '25
Linda Broaddus Luck '28
Lucille Penney Hildrup '29
Wilhelmina Poffenbarger Hartman '33
Catherine Marsh Hurt '33
Minnie Lester Padbury '33
Betty Poole Athey '34
Lula Lee Llewellyn House '34
Ruth Flippo Moon '39
Mary Tucker Gatling '40
Margaret Austin Warren '40
Evelyn Anderson Wood '42
Barbara Earl Beebe '43
Helen Knapp Pyne '43
Doris Clements Thomas '43
Angela Grizzard Wyche '48
Jane Dallas Wood '55
Cynthia A. Geiger '60
Nancy Ott Steiner '67
Carole Brinkley Brasher '68
Elizabeth Lee Vantrease '70
Judy Lynn Jones '87
Georgann Mastorakis Nevlud '87
Christopher Reynolds '88
Barbara M. Lussier '94
James H. Croushore, dean emeritus of English

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to those who have lost loved ones.

Mary Anne Ratner Levy '34, who lost her husband.
Ruby Lee Norris '36, who lost her husband.
Elaine Heritage Jordan '46, who lost her husband.
Florence Archibald Barrow '49, who lost her mother and father.
Barbara Trimm Wright '49, who lost her brother.
Virginia Felts Brown '50, who lost her husband.
Carole Kolton Bryson '55, who lost her husband.
Joanne Insley Pearre '57, who lost her mother.
Gretchen Loewner Price '57, who lost her husband.
Cecile Duncan Folan '59, who lost her son.
Patricia Garrison Lindholm '63, who lost her father.
Betsy Evans Manchester '63, who lost her mother.
Charlotte Stultz '66, who lost her mother.
Elizabeth P. Wright '75, who lost her father.

Melodie B. Birmingham '81, who lost her father.
 Nancy McEntyre Kenefick '81, who lost her father.
 Patricia Churchill Shippee '81, who lost her mother.
 David Minor '85, who lost his mother.
 Julie Magness '87, who lost her father.
 Michael P. Folan '89, who lost his brother.
 Gail W. Lee '89, who lost her mother.
 Joseph W. Rejuney '89, who lost his wife and mother.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following alumni:
 Shirley Whiteside Donovan '79, twins, a son and a daughter.
 Martha Williams Locke '80, a daughter.
 Julie Saracco Murphy '81, a daughter.
 Vicki Reynard Thorne '81, a son.
 Lori Foster Turley '81, a son.
 Margaret Argo Page '82, a son.
 Kathleen Walters Along '83, a daughter.
 Jeff Carter '83, a son.
 Lisa Harris Coleman '83, a daughter.
 Martha Weber Jaffe '83, a son.
 Estie Corey Thomas '83, a son.

Terri Sullivan Walsh '83, a son.
 Sharon Robertson Williamson '83, a daughter.
 David Minor '85, a daughter.
 Mary Ellen Phelan Landis '86, a daughter.
 Dorothy Fraiser Cunningham '89, a daughter.
 Ann Mather Gentile '89, a daughter.
 Cherie Campbell Patrick '89, a son.
 Joseph W. Rejuney '89, a son.
 Jill Stanfield Seal '89, a daughter.
 Elizabeth A. Johnston '90 and Bradley M. McDonald '90, a daughter.
 Billy Germelman '91 and wife Olga, a son.
 Vicki Shaw Heck '91, a son.
 Jane Painter Powell '91, a daughter.



James H. Croushore

(1914-1995)

by Judith Townsend Bainbridge '58

Dr. James H. Croushore empties a bag of smooth white pebbles on his desk. He invites each of his American Literature students to take one, saying that they come from Walden Pond and will magically provide the answer to questions if students rub one while not thinking of the word "Mesopotamia." I carried my pebble, which I suspected came from his new gravel driveway, for a dozen years.

At registration for my junior year, Dean Croushore refuses to approve 10 credit hours unless I drop art history and take Victorian Poetry. I hate Victorian Poetry. I mumble something about blackmail and he cheerfully agrees, but says, "Take it; you'll need it."

James Henry Croushore, a World War II veteran, had already earned his Ph.D. in American literature from Yale Univer-

sity when he came to Mary Washington College in 1947. An assistant professor of English, he was a Pennsylvania native who graduated from Lehigh University. Becoming chairman of the English Department in 1957, he served for 10 years until he was appointed associate dean of the College. In 1970 he became dean and was named dean emeritus in 1979, when he retired.

Between 1955 and 1958, he was my instructor in six courses, the director of my senior honors essay, my academic adviser and adviser to *The Bullet*, which I edited. Jim Croushore became my counselor, confidante, mentor and friend.

After a college newspaper conference in New York City (where I spent my entire \$10 meal allowance from Mary Washington on books, not lunches), Dr. Croushore reached into his wallet, pulled out a \$10 bill and told me to return it to the College.

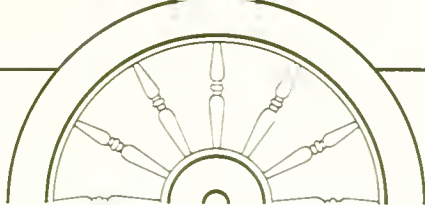
At the close of a 17th-century literature class, I complained that my usually generous parents never gave me books. The next day I received his copy of Milton, inscribed "For many readings."

James Henry Croushore, a superb teacher and a man of great personal integrity, was playful, with the play purposeful. He was demanding and challenging, but invariably fair, honest and kind.

He also could be irritating. I remember his one-sentence response to the long letter I wrote after passing my Ph.D. exams. "Well, of course you did." He expected achievement and was impatient, always, with self-congratulation.

Not an easy man, Jim Croushore was one of the most private people I have ever known, revealing little of himself even to those who cared for him. Unswervingly loyal to the College, he led Mary Washington academically at a time when the College faced problems with its identity. From a distance, it seemed to me that he led it well.

But for English majors of my generation, it was his teaching that influenced us most. He was an exemplary teacher, a man we will miss.



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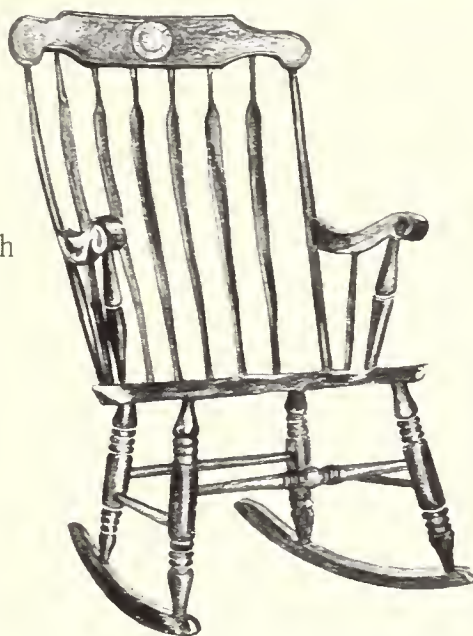
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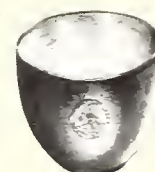
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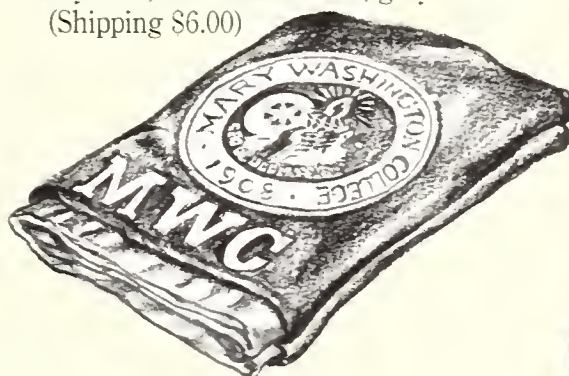
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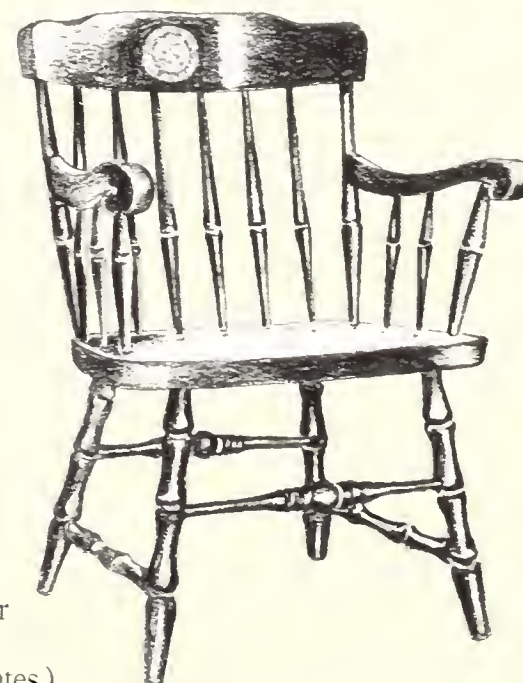
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